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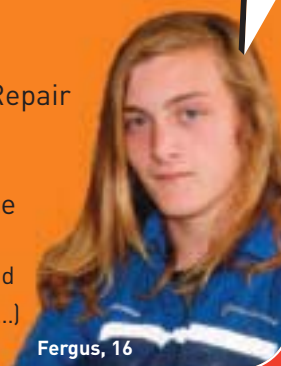


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# SEA RESCUE HAMPERED BY CROWDS

PARAMEDICS trying to help a woman who had been pulled from the sea after drinking had their job made more difficult by onlookers.

Crowds refused to keep back while they treated the 49-year-old off Folkestone beach on Saturday.

An RAF Sea King helicopter and the coastguard were called out after a 999 call describing a body in the water.

The woman was pulled out of the water by two passers-by before being flown to the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford.

## EXCLUSIVE

BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

Dover Coastguard's watch manager Trevor Dowle, who was at the scene, said: "It is clear that the woman had consumed a large quantity of alcohol before swimming and this is a very dangerous combination."

"Unfortunately some members of the public were hampering a safe landing site for the rescue helicopter by refusing the Coastguard Rescue Teams requests to move to a safe distance."

The woman's condition is said to have stabilised, but she remains in intensive care.

Mark Clark of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency said the public's reaction was bizarre, and had cost crucial time in preventing the helicopter taking off.

He said: "The helicopter was delayed by several large groups of people who were standing on the beach."

"It was a real problem. Some of them refused to move and they got a real dusting as the helicopter finally took off."

"It's like getting in the way of a land

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## LET'S PUT A STOP TO FLY-TIPPING

Today Yourshepway calls on the people of our district to help clean up our streets and by-ways, and put an end to views like this.

Flytippers, who have no regard for our environment, dump tons of rubbish every year, spoiling the area we call home.

Today we urge every reader to help catch them.

Shepway council will clear up the rubbish, but we can all help to put an end to this dumping for good. So, if you see anyone dumping rubbish, note their car registration number, or better still, take a picture with your phone. Then report it, either to the council on 01303 858660, or to us here at Yourshepway.

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# We must all help end the curse of flytippers

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

DUMPED rubbish which had been left to rot in a Hythe country lane has been removed after Yourshepway stepped in.

Diana Stiling contacted this paper after asking the council to remove the bags of waste. She and other neighbours had to wait almost three weeks until it was taken away.

Shepway council apologised and said it had cleared two sacks of rubbish from the other end of the footpath after receiving the call on August 4.

The public byway, on the Old London Road between Lympne Hill and Sunny Bank, is regularly used as a dumping ground by fly-tippers.

Mrs Stiling said: "It's absolutely disgusting and really spoils the view."

But afterwards she said she was delighted when the council told her it was clear.

A Shepway spokesman said it took fly-tipping and littering very seriously.

Among the rubbish were bank statements and letters from debt collection agencies, with an address in Hythe.

The spokesman said: "We will be investigating to see if there is enough



**SITE FOR SORE EYES:** Rubbish dumped beside a path in Hythe, and below, on the Leas Cliff path

evidence to secure a prosecution."

Another feature of Shepway has come under scrutiny after reports that the cliff path by the Leas Lift has attracted more litter since the service's closure in June.

Campaigner Denise Maskell said: "It's no good getting awards for the Coastal Park if a short walk away this is what people come across."

In response Rory Love, Shepway's Cabinet member for strategic services said: "The footpath is cleaned every day at around 7am. We cannot clear up 24 hours a day. There is a shared responsibility to keep our area clean."

**If you see dumped rubbish contact Shepway District Council on 01303 858660.**



## Group hits back at airport survey

CAMPAIGNERS have hit back at the group behind plans to expand Lydd Airport after figures were released appearing to support the scheme.

A planning application for a 300-metre runway extension and a terminal developed to handle half a million passengers a year at the Romney Marsh site has drawn widespread opposition.

Lydd Airport Action Group raised concerns including the increased chances of a plane crashing into Dungeness Nuclear Power Station or nearby military ranges, the impact on wildlife, tourism and jobs in the area.

The RSPB, which has a reserve near

the site, has also compiled a 10,000-signature petition opposing the plan.

Figures released by the airport after a door-to-door survey of residents in Shepway showed that 88 per cent of those polled welcomed the job opportunities the expansion would bring.

However the survey only drew responses from 139 people across seven wards in Shepway on June 29, and Lydd was not one of them.

Airport managing director, Cliff Spink, said the survey was not intended to be viewed as a comprehensive poll of residents.

He said: "The survey shows us that in these difficult economic times, with

unemployment rising and people worrying about their job security, there is a clear awareness of the importance of major projects like Lydd airport."

Louise Barton, spokesman for Lydd Airport Action Group, said: "The only truly independent research into this matter was a referendum carried out by Shepway District Council in July 2007."

"The response from two-thirds of people was that they were against the plans."

A decision on whether to approve the plans will be held at a meeting of Shepway District Council's Full Council on September 24.

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# Youngsters take lead in film festival project

■ BY JANE CONOLLY

**YOUNG** people are helping to put great films on the big screen as part of Folkestone Film Factory's latest project.

The company's Fre3 Dayz Film Festival in September will see three great films screened at outdoor venues across Shepway, and young people have become the driving force behind the event. Under the guidance of community film producer, Zachary Cooke, the team will market and deliver the screenings, set up the venues, act as stewards and learn the fundamentals of events management.

"Folkestone Film Factory is a community innovation which allows people to make films of their own," Cooke said. "The viewing is to allow young people and their families to experience what they could get involved with in the future."

Sounds Like Teen Spirit has been confirmed as one of the films being shown, but the company is still open to suggestions and movie fans are invited to email their ideas to Emily@minapress.co.uk.

The project has been commissioned by Shepway Find Your Talent, delivered by the Creative Foundation in partnership with Kent County Council. Folkestone Film Factory was formed two years ago and is already a thriving part of the community.

"We haven't applied for funding. All the work we do has been commissioned by schools, local authorities, Find Your Talent and the Creative



**REWARDING:** Community film producer Zachary Cooke hopes youngsters will enjoy a taste of the film world

Foundation," Cooke, 42, said. "It's mostly young people getting involved but next year we're hoping to work with adults."

Cooke is talking to organisations that deal with people who have mental health issues and have suffered domestic violence. He believes that filmmaking has much to offer them.

"It's a chance to do something different; to not be labelled and to work with people who are not within those areas," he said.

London-born Cooke has a background in events management and marketing, a field which brought him into contact with the entertainment industry and led to the formation of his own production company. When he moved to Folkestone seven years ago, he only expected to stay a few months, but now he is part of a rewarding and exciting enterprise.

## Authors take stage

EXPLORER and adventurer Sir Ranulph Fiennes will be one of the authors appearing at this year's Folkestone Book Festival.

The annual event also features comedian Vic Reeves, the late Alan Clark's widow, Jane Clark, and Dad's Army actor Bill Pertwee.

There will also be a review evening on Thursday, October 29, with a talk by actress Leslie Caron, followed by a screening of the classic 1958 film, *Gigi*, in which she starred.

Friends of the Book Festival receive priority booking for events at the festival, between November 6-14.

For information on joining the Friends contact Jo Olliver on 01303 247773 or email [info@friendsoffolkestonebookfest.co.uk](mailto:info@friendsoffolkestonebookfest.co.uk).

"It is rewarding when people believe they would never have the opportunity to get involved in the service we offer," he said.

"They come on board and realise they have new skills, from working with an acting coach or cameraman or director.

"It's rewarding for me when somebody says it's the best thing they've ever done or a child says 'no one has ever trusted me to do this sort of thing before'."

Fre3 Dayz Film Festival runs from September 4 to 6. For more information visit [www.folkestonefilmfactory.com](http://www.folkestonefilmfactory.com). Anyone who would like to get involved with the company's work should email Emily@minapress.co.uk.

## Sign up to learn something new

ANCIENT Greek philosophy, painting the New World and 19th century English literature are some of the subjects being studied by the Folkestone branch of an education charity.

The Workers' Education Association is hosting the courses, which are chosen by the students and start next month.

No prior experience or knowledge is needed, just an interest in the chosen subject and a love of learning.

Classes usually takes place in two-hour sessions over a period of five to 20 weeks and are priced at an equivalent of £3.40 per hour, with a 10-week course costing £68.

Students who are able to provide proof that they are in receipt of a state benefit are entitled to free tuition.

For full information on all WEA courses go to [www.wea.org.uk/southern](http://www.wea.org.uk/southern) or phone 0800 328 1060.

## Airport exercise puts skills to test

LYDD airport will be undergoing a full-scale live emergency exercise next week, as part of a testing of the services' response to a major incident.

The drill will take place between 9am-4pm on Wednesday, September 2 and has been codenamed Titan.

Simon Warner, Kent Fire and Rescue Service's exercise director said: "Exercise Titan will provide a valuable training opportunity to fully test the operational skills and knowledge associated with dealing with a commercial aircraft incident."

The exercise will be jointly led by KFRS and Lydd Airport fire-fighters and will involve staff from the airport, police and South East Coast Ambulance Trust.

## Sea rescue delayed by onlookers

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE ambulance, but with rotors."

A Kent Police spokesman said: "There were a number of police officers and PCSOs at the scene to assist the coastguards.

"Some members of the public hampered the efforts of those who were trying to help the woman by being uncooperative with officers asking them to make space.

"We would echo the comments already made by the MCA about the importance of making room for emergency vehicles in rescue situations."

Leigh Curtis, operations director of Kent Air Ambulance said pilots had to follow strict guidelines during landing.

He said: "Any helicopter landing in a public place is always going to attract attention. In these circumstances our crew would always advise members of the public to think of their safety first and to stay well clear.

"All incidents require a team approach from all of the emergency services. This is even more crucial when our medical team is carrying out life-saving treatment."

## MP hits jackpot as company finds gold and copper deposit

SHEPWAY MP Michael Howard has struck gold, with one of his companies finding a huge deposit of the precious metal in Mongolia.

Canadian mining company Entree Gold, of which Mr Howard is non-executive deputy chairman, values the gold discovery at £7.6 billion.

The same site also contains at least 3.8 million tonnes of copper, worth about £12 billion at current market prices, according to national newspaper reports.

The Times said the Folkestone and Hythe MP, who is standing down at the next general election, is the "first big winner" among more than 100 retiring politicians.

The former Home Secretary and ex-Tory leader, who visited Mongolia last year, told the paper:

"We have found gold and the question is whether the Mongolian government will let us extract it, and it looks quite promising."

Earlier this month it was announced that Mr Howard had joined the board of mobile phone



software company Luup, in addition to his directorships with Northern Racing, Helphire Group and Entree Gold.

He was caught up in The Daily Telegraph's expenses row when it was reported he had paid £17,000 over four years for gardening and maintenance at his Lympe home, and £44,000 over the same period to his party office.

Mr Howard said at the time that all his claims were within the rules.

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## Bank Holiday to treasure

LIVE music, food tasting, a children's treasure trail and a street party will be taking place in Folkestone's Creative Quarter on Bank Holiday Monday.

Live music will be staged on the deck next to the Earl Grey pub, with a menu tasting at Bar Vasa in Quarterhouse and free treasure trail following clues around the galleries, shops, cafés and studios to claim a prize.

There will also be the chance to create your own postcard and tell stories about Folkestone at 42 The Old High Street, with printing demonstrations at Silkworm Studios in Tontine Street.

Many of the galleries, businesses and studios will be open, showcasing artworks and hosting creative workshops.

The party is from 10am to 4pm and more information will be available at the harbour end of The Old High Street from 10am, where the first Treasure Trail clue can be picked up.

For more information call 01303 854080 or call at the Creative Foundation visitor centre at 56-58 The Old High Street.

## Online business boost

A NEW business directory to help boost Hythe has been launched online.

The town's chamber of commerce has added the section to its website, which was launched earlier this year together with a new-style map guide, to promote the town as a short break and leisure destination.

Chamber chairman Kevin Howell said the website was helping to spread the message that Hythe was an unusually attractive place to visit, with the site receiving hits from as far as the Continent.

He said the revamped visitor guide had already had 25,000 copies distributed, mainly outside Kent, with plans to publish an updated edition early next year.

A full colour listing costs from £35 a year. For more information and to view the site, go to [www.hytheguide.co.uk](http://www.hytheguide.co.uk).

## Woman attacked by job

A YOUNG woman was attacked after attending to the Hythe Venetian Fete.

The 18-year-old was alone in the Waitrose car park at 12.30am on Thursday when she was approached by a group of young men, one of whom started shouting abuse.

He then attacked her, leaving her with a chipped tooth, bruising and swelling to her eye, jaw and head. She was helped by two passers-by. Anyone with information should contact PC Jacqueline Mennie on 01330 850055, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

# Fete magic weaves

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

THOUSANDS thronged the banks of Hythe's Royal Military Canal for the town's Venetian Fete, on the 200th anniversary of the historic waterway.

Parades of decorated floats, canoe races and live music entertained a bumper crowd basking in glorious sunshine on one of the hottest days of the year.

There was also a grand reception for the 14 visiting mayors of the Confederation of the



WONDERLAND: White Rabbit and Mad Hatter



OVER THE RAINBOW: Dorothy and Oz's Wicked Witch



ANIMAL MAGIC: With all creatures great and small



OPENING WORDS: The fete is opened by John Schoner

Cinque Ports, led by the Lord Warden Lord Boyce, who sailed aboard a barge crewed by Shepway Sea Cadets.

The end of the evening was marked by a spectacular fireworks display, followed by a night parade of illuminated floats.

Fete chairman John Schoner said it was one of the best yet and he was already preparing for the next one in 2011.

He said: "The weather did make a difference, especially in the days leading up to the fete. All the tickets were sold out by Tuesday, so that was a good sign."

"It's a logistical nightmare, but after all the preparation everything came together on the day. We saw the mayors and Lord Boyce safely down the canal and onto the stage, after that I could start to relax, but everyone involved thoroughly enjoyed themselves on the day."

"Now there's just another 103 weeks to get



OAR BLIMEY: The 'fairer sex' can even row their own



SAILING BY: Visiting mayors of the Conference of Cinque Ports received a warm welcome

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# watery spell



**FAIRY GOOD:** The Bethany Lodge fairies in the garden float took prizes in three categories

ready for the next one."

Some of the elaborate float designs included a joint Kent County Council and Harvey Grammar School creation promoting recycling, with a Transformers-like statue in the middle, and a Robin Hood-themed barge designed by Hythe Garden Services.

Steve Ward, who was dressed as Little John, said it was inspired after his team received praise for their previous entry in 2007.

He said: "Two years ago we had a quite a successful float with Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory and we just thought we'd continue on a similar sort of theme and draw out some more colour and fun, as well as a bit of history."

The biggest winner on the day was Bethany Lodge, who received prizes for best floral, best illuminated and best overall tableau, for their fairies in a garden theme.

Hythe Twinning Association also won for the best daylight float and it is estimated up to £10,000 has been raised for good causes.

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**INTERNATIONAL RESCUE:** A wave from Lady Penelope as the Thunderbirds float drifts by



**SEAT OF HONOUR:** Lord Warden Admiral Lord Boyce



**SPECTACULAR:** Fireworks after the illuminated parade

# Mews development gets Government kick-start

A SANDGATE housing development which has suffered from delays has been boosted by a £109 million scheme designed to kick-start projects in the South East.

Up to 52 homes could be built at The Mews after developers Persimmon Homes applied for the grant as part of a national attempt by the Government to kickstart projects which have halted due to the downturn.

It is one of 26 sites in the region shortlisted for the extra cash, which is provided on strict terms including that half of money paid out nationally will be repaid within five years, and only after developers cannot get support from elsewhere. Two-thirds of the potential new homes affected across the country would have to be built to a high standard to help cut



**JOHN HEALEY:** Cash injection

carbon emissions and reduce energy bills for the families which live in them.

Housing minister John Healey said: "We've pledged to use the power of Government investment to help Britain through the recession.

"This billion pound programme will get stalled building work back on track, create jobs and help build the quality homes we need.

"I want to see builders back on these sites within weeks. So I will be calling on successful developers to pull out all the stops so construction can restart as quickly as possible."

There will be a second wave of funding, with a bidding round due to start in September and the successful projects to be announced later in the year.

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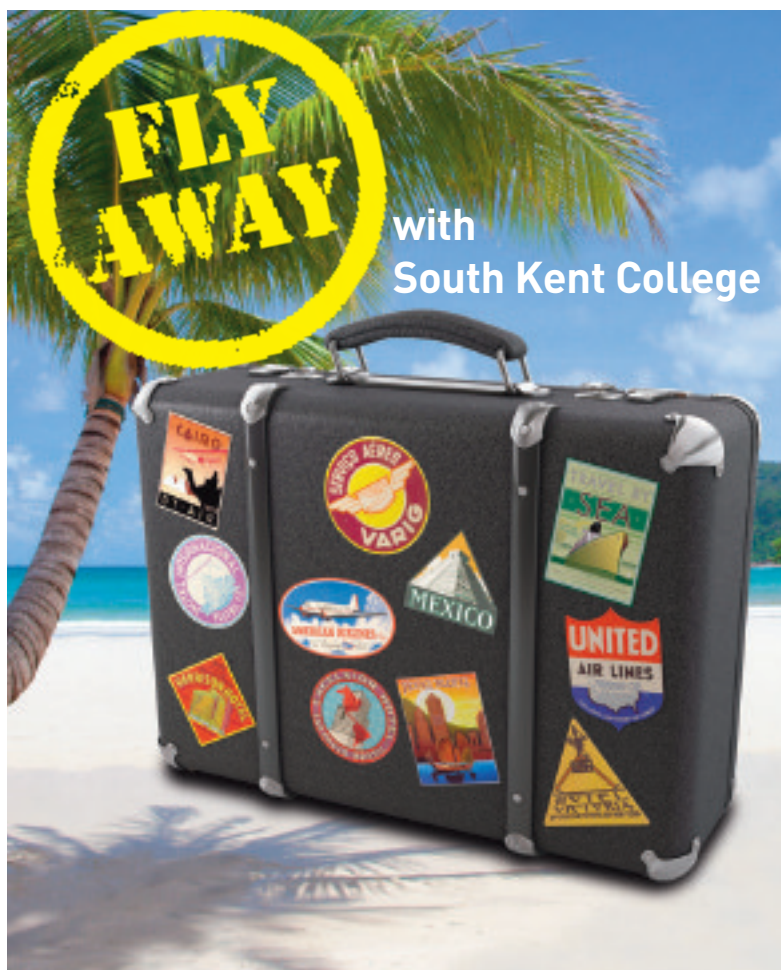
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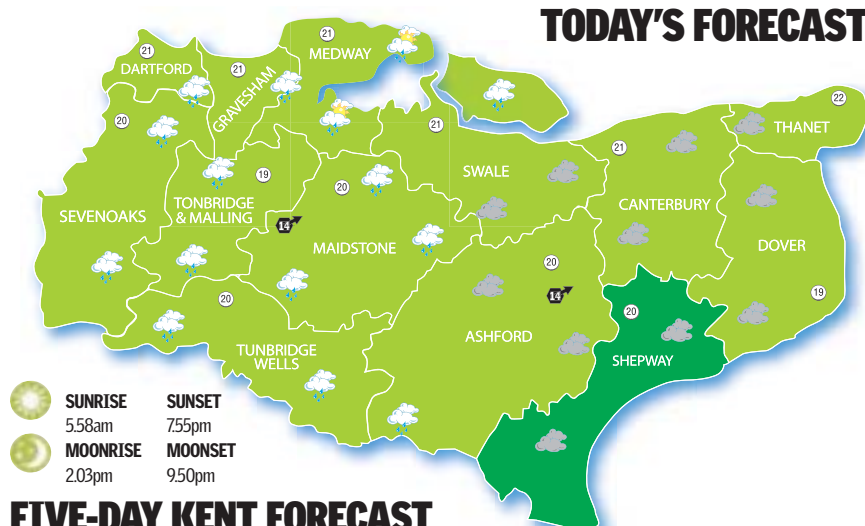




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	Sunday	7:54am	5.1m
Dungeness	Saturday	6:12am	5.9m
	Sunday	7:29am	5.7m
Ramsgate	Saturday	6:53am	3.9m
	Sunday	8:24am	3.8m
Sheerness	Saturday	7:28am	4.7m
	Sunday	8:46am	4.5m
Whitstable	Saturday	7:30am	4.5m
	Sunday	8:44am	4.3m



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Beijing	26°C	Rome	32°C
Bombay	27°C	Sydney	24°C
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Canterbury	21°C	22°C	22°C	22°C	20°C	Maidstone	21°C	21°C	22°C	21°C	20°C
Chatham	20°C	21°C	21°C	20°C	20°C	Ramsgate	21°C	22°C	22°C	22°C	20°C
Dartford	21°C	22°C	22°C	22°C	20°C	Rochester	20°C	21°C	21°C	20°C	20°C
Dover	19°C	20°C	20°C	20°C	20°C	Sevenoaks	19°C	19°C	20°C	19°C	18°C
Faversham	20°C	21°C	21°C	20°C	20°C	Sittingbourne	20°C	21°C	21°C	20°C	20°C
Folkestone	19°C	20°C	20°C	20°C	20°C	Tonbridge	20°C	21°C	21°C	20°C	20°C
Gillingham	20°C	21°C	21°C	20°C	20°C	Tun Wells	20°C	21°C	21°C	20°C	20°C

## Early start for high-speed commuter rail services

HIGH-speed trains which will bring Folkestone within an hour's commute of London will start in the first week of September, three months earlier than expected.

The announcement from Southeastern follows the success of preview runs between Ashford and St Pancras which began in June.

From Monday, September 7, two early morning trains will take commuters to St Pancras in 57 minutes from Folkestone Central and 53 minutes from Folkestone West, stopping at Ebbsfleet on route.

The second train of the morning, which doesn't stop, will bring the journey time from Folkestone West down to just 50 minutes.

Return services leave St Pancras at 4.37pm and 6.37pm. Shepway council leader Cllr Robert Bliss said the early introduction of the high-speed Javelin trains was welcome.

### Passenger choice

He said: "This is good news. The Rail for Folkestone campaign lobbied hard for the service to come to Folkestone and now we can enjoy the results."

He also said the council would continue to push Southeastern to maintain existing services to Charing Cross.

Charles Horton, managing director of Southeastern, said: "The high-speed services will act as a real catalyst for the economy in the region, but above all what the high-speed service provides is real choice for passengers."

Prices for the high-speed service are £30.30 for a single journey, £52.50 for a return and £113.90 for a weekly ticket. There will be supplements for existing ticket holders.

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### HANNAH GROVER



#### Q Tell us a little about yourself

**A** My name is Hannah Grover, I'm 25 and I live in Saltwood. I grew up in Hythe and Stowting and went to school at Folkestone School for Girls. I have recently set up a virtual PA and lifestyle management company called Virtual Girl Friday, which is aimed at SMEs (small and medium enterprises) and sole traders in south-east Kent. Virtual Girl Friday offers a remote PA and office manager service – a cross between a PA, a project manager and a lifestyle concierge.

#### Q What gave you the inspiration to set up Virtual Girl Friday?

**A** It was an idea I first had several months ago when I found I had modernised all the procedures in my current job. Everything was running sufficiently without me there on a full-time basis and I realised that many SMEs could benefit from part-time or ad hoc administrative support.

Outdated processes, mounting paperwork and ever-growing to-do lists only serve to cause the owners of small businesses to stress. Ultimately, admin can keep them away from doing whatever it was they went into businesses for in the first place.

That's where a virtual PA comes in: in the current economic climate, no business-owner wants to take on new administrative staff. However, admin tasks take no notice of eco-

nomie downturn – they will always be there. In outsourcing to Virtual Girl Friday, you avoid PAYE, National Insurance and other overheads such as office space, equipment and holiday and sickness pay. This seems the perfect solution for small businesses.

#### Q How did you first become involved in this line of work?

**A** I am Pitman-trained and gained a distinction certification for my diploma in executive PA studies and business management. I started to take on more responsibilities as office manager where I worked in-house, including book-keeping, payroll, PR, managerial tasks and customer-service training.

#### Q What do you think Shepway could do to make itself a better place to live and work?

**A** Let's not forget that this is our Shepway. The opportunities we create and the choices we make all go towards making it a better and more diverse place to be. I believe in recognising and investing in our strengths.

#### Q What do you think of the commercial, cultural and social life of Shepway?

**A** Commercially, there are plenty of exciting businesses of all sorts and sizes in the area, all of which play a valuable role in delivering goods and services.

I believe that less red tape, more investment in training and greater support in start-ups is

needed to inspire future business-owners. I am really pleased to see performing-art spaces appearing throughout the region. Affordable music and theatre events can help draw a community together.

#### Q Where can people find out about you and your business?

**A** My website [www.virtualgirlfriday.info](http://www.virtualgirlfriday.info) details most of the services that I offer. However, it is important to get across that no job is too small. You employ Virtual Girl Friday on an ad-hoc basis. It could be to cover staff holidays, maternity leave or a hand-over period, or to manage a specific project. Alternatively, we could look after all your admin, HR and finance tasks.

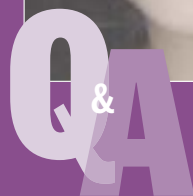
By helping you tick things off your to-do list, we give you back your free time.

#### Q What do you like to do in your spare time when you're not working?

**A** A lot of my free time goes into working with Folkestone and Hythe Operatic Dramatic Society. Also playing my saxophone or singing in the shower...

#### Q Tell us something that not many people know about you

**A** My new year's resolution was to learn to cook, and it turns out I have discovered a hidden talent. My beef in black bean sauce is the stuff of dreams – or so my husband says.



The founder of local company Virtual PA speaks to **James Alexandre** about how she was inspired to set up her own business, opportunities in the area and her new year's resolution to learn how to cook...

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# Smile, it's a new you

## Airbrushing requests are on the increase

■ BY RACHEL MCATHY

THE camera never lies, or so the saying goes, but what about the photos produced afterwards?

According to digital specialists in Kent, the end results are becoming further from the truth, as more and more people pay to have photos airbrushed and manipulated.

Far from the days of simple exposure adjustments, customers are now asking photo printers to remove wrinkles, whiten teeth and even remove excess weight.

Pete Innes, from Photovision Services in Sevenoaks, said the digital age has seen many more people wanting re-touched images.

"People ask for their skin to be smoothed, eyes brightened and skin colour warmed to make it look like they have a tan, instead of having the pasty skin look," he said.

"We have also removed people's wrinkles, basically making people look their best.

"Customers love the result.

"I am quite surprised it has become so popular, because it is normally quite expensive, some studios charge hundreds of pounds.

"Our requests are mainly from modelling agencies, but if the customer wants it, we will do it.

"In the past it was not easily done and would have to be done by hand, but this has changed in the digital age and made it much easier.

"I don't see the attraction myself."

Emma Hales, manager of Snappy Snaps in Maidstone, said airbrushing demands can vary.

"Some customers have wanted their surroundings touched up to make it look more scenic and others want a completely different background put in, to make it look more exotic," she said.

"Some people even ask for their passport photos to be airbrushed.



**BEFORE AND AFTER:** Left, a photo before being touched up; and right, transformed and in a new location

"We have also come across people wanting to have their double chin removed and we can change features like that to a certain extent.

"But you can't bring in a photo of yourself in a bikini and ask us to make you look like Jennifer Lopez, it is more subtle changes."

The high street photography chain has seen a huge increase in requests for their airbrushing services so far this year.

This includes requested re-touching to images for use on social networking or dating sites, such as Facebook, My Space and Match.com.

Staff have also been asked to take people out of photos, add people in and even patch images together to create a new group of people in the photograph.

In 2008, the store experienced a 550 per cent increase in airbrushing enquiries and this year, digital enhancement continues to be popular.



Ann Simpson, marketing director of Snappy Snaps, said: "Due to the popularity of sites such as Match.com, our stores have received more requests for the re-touching service.

"Customers want to ensure that profile images used on these dating and social networking sites are as picture perfect as possible.

"The obsession with all things celebrity means society is more accepting of techniques that improve appearance.

"And of course everyone wants to look their best."

But Peter Jull, from Zoom Photos in Dover and Deal, said airbrushing and re-touching for vanity reasons is only a small part of the business.

"Customers have asked to be made slimmer or have unfortunate marks removed.

"It can go as far as turning them into a fairy or cartoon character. But the vanity side of this work is much smaller than photo restoration."

## Watch out for this itchy pest

KENT residents are being urged not to panic as towns experience an increase in populations of a rash-inducing caterpillar.

The brown tail moth caterpillar has hairs which cause serious irritation to the skin and eyes, as well as triggering severe breathing difficulties.

As a result Tonbridge and Malling council sent out a warning last week, advising residents to beware of the insect, which was increasing in numbers.

Gardeners were also put on high alert, as when the caterpillars join together, they are known to devastate vegetation.

Found in hedgerows and trees, the itchy-pest is normally black or grey, with tufts of ginger hairs poking out and two orange spots near its tail.

An adult larvae can have up to two million of these hairs. At this time of the year, the moths lay about 300 eggs on the leaves of trees and shrubs.

Towards the end of the summer, they moult, pupate and emerge as adult moths.

The moths have been controlled by council officials in Kent this week by removing the caterpillar 'tents', cutting off the affected twigs.

Anyone doing this themselves is warned they should wear protective clothing, such as rubber gloves.

Once removed, the 'tents' should be sealed in a plastic bag and either burnt or placed in the black-lidded wheeled bin.

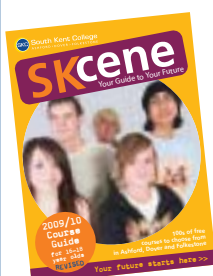
Officials hope they have now removed the worst of the moths, but figures show populations are still increasing, particularly in the South during the last few years.

For more information call 01732 876299, email [pest.control@tmhc.gov.uk](mailto:pest.control@tmhc.gov.uk), or visit [www.tmh.gov.uk](http://www.tmh.gov.uk).



**ITCHY:** The brown tail moth caterpillar on a twig

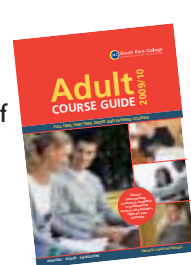
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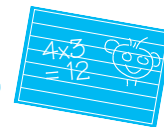


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## Boys celebrate their A-level success and look to future

BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

PUPILS at the Harvey Grammar School are celebrating A-level success, many having got the grades they needed to get to university.

At least four students at the all-boys school in Cheriton Road learned on Thursday that they had received straight As, including 18-year-old Chris Pilgrim, who earned a music scholarship at Cambridge.

Head boy Max Schofield, from Saltwood, gained As in history, English and biology and a B in chemistry and is going on to study medicine at King's College, London.

He said: "It's a five-year course and I'm really up for the challenge – it just seemed like a viable route to follow."

"I've always classed myself as a bit of an all-rounder and I can apply that to medicine."

Scott Lee from Folkestone said: "I needed three Bs to study economics and finance at Surrey and I've come out with ABB. In one of my last exams for business I managed to get the maximum 120 marks."

"I was hugely relieved when I found out the results – it just felt like a great weight off my shoulders. I definitely want to pursue something in finance – there's a one-year placement on the course which I can put on my CV and earn a bit of money."

Not everyone knew exactly what they wanted to do longer-term, but were still delighted with their results.

Jan Metcalf, who gained an A in government and politics and a B in both English and history, said: "I was expecting to do a bit better, but I'm still quite happy."



**CELEBRATIONS:** Pupils from the Harvey Grammar School are planning their futures after getting their results

"I'm going to the university I want to, Manchester, to study politics and modern history, as that's definitely my forte."

Other high-achievers included Fred Smith, who earned four straight As in history, maths, Italian and geography and is studying history at Warwick, and Harry Evans, who gained As in history, philosophy and politics.

Harry, 18, from Folkestone, said: "I want to go on and do law, but I decided to choose philosophy at university as I wanted to do something that really interested me."

Senior vice-principal Scott Norman said

this year's students had performed "fantastically well" and congratulated them on their success, with 77 per cent of all grades being in the A-C range.

He said: "About 85 per cent of our students are continuing on to various universities and we were very pleased that reports of the difficulties in gaining places this year do not appear to have adversely affected the vast majority."

"Our students and staff work terrifically hard and these results are just reward for that."

## Head confident that pupils will find places

PENT VALLEY'S head teacher praised his sixth-form students for their achievements, with most of those who applied for university gaining a place at their chosen institution.

Mario Citro said he was also confident that, of the 26 who had applied, those who did not get their first choice would find a place through clearing.

The school, in Surrenden Road, Folkestone, saw some notable achievements, with Ben Wallis achieving two A-levels, a grade A in sport and a B in information technology.

Usha Dura gained A-levels in maths, chemistry and biology, allowing her to study biomedical sciences at the University of Kent.

Christy Cloake and Steve England both gained A-levels in art, photography and graphics and have places to study photography at De Montfort University in Leicester.

Mr Citro said: "Since the introduction of mini-schools, and Dyson Mini-School taking responsibility for post-16 education, we have seen a substantial improvement in pass rates."

## Academy welcomes its first set of results

THE Folkestone Academy welcomed its first-ever A-level and BTEC results with an impressive 99 per cent pass rate and 17 pupils going to university.

They were among the school's first to sit the Level 3 exams since it opened two years ago, with more than half of those who took A-levels gaining A or B grades.

Academy principal Sean Heslop said: "This represents a terrific achievement by the students, and congratulations are due to them and the staff who have been involved in coaching our first-ever Level 3 cohort."

"Almost two-thirds of our students took A-levels, where their performance has matched or exceeded the 2008 national average, and we are delighted for them."

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# Send us your mugshots to aid the World's Biggest Coffee Morning

■ BY JON COATES

THE leading contender in a hunt for the Ugliest Mug in Kent has kept abreast of the competition for the last month.

Macmillan Cancer Support launched the search for the most quirky or bizarre drinking mug in the county at the end of July to kickstart its major fundraising event, the World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

The Ugly Mug Amnesty, which is backed by KOS Media, aims to find the wackiest or most embarrassing mug lurking at the back of your cupboards.

After four weeks of the amnesty, the best Ugly Mug received is this 'All The Breast Jimmy Jones' mug sent in by Kurstie Long.

However, the hunt still has another two weeks to run, so there's still time to get your entries in.

When you've found your Ugliest Mug, take a photo of you holding it and email it to the address at the end of this story.

Also make sure you tell us if the drinking receptacle has an interesting history or funny story behind how it came into your possession.

Please try to make sure we can see the mug clearly in your photo and include your name, age, address, job and contact details.

The winner of the amnesty will receive a World's Biggest Coffee Morning Mug from Macmillan Cancer Support and a £50 Coffee Gift Set from KOS Media.

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is Macmillan's flagship fundraiser.

Now in its 19th year, it has become one of the biggest fundraising events in Britain – along with Children in Need, Red Nose Day and the Race for Life.

Macmillan asks the public to host or attend a coffee morning, with all donations going



**BREAST IN SHOW:** The happy canine owner of this Jimmy Jones mug could be the lucky winner

directly to those affected by cancer.

Supporters are encouraged to visit [www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee](http://www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee) to register and pick up fund-raising tips, or call 0845 602 1246. Make sure you enter the code RNA 10 so Macmillan know you are a KOS Media reader.

Last year the World's Biggest Coffee Morning raised £7.5 million and the target this year is more than £8 million nationwide.

But we are calling on all our readers to help make Kent the biggest fundraiser in the whole of the country.

We'll be holding a coffee morning for staff on September 25 and urge businesses across the county to join in too.

Macmillan has 120 health professionals active

across Kent, helping patients and their families deal with cancer. Their support means people do not have to face harrowing ordeals on their own.

• All entries into the Ugly Mug Amnesty must be received by Friday, September 11, with the winner announced in the Wednesday, September 16, midweek papers. Post your entries to Jon Coates, KOS Media, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, TN25 6SR, or email them to [jon.coates@kosmedia.co.uk](mailto:jon.coates@kosmedia.co.uk).

## 'We're on track for fuel poverty'

A FURIOUS rail passenger group has warned thousands of hard-hit commuters in Kent face "travel poverty" after the Government exempted Southeastern Trains from a national decrease in fares.

During the past three years the network has increased prices significantly above the rate of inflation.

It is one of only two regions not to benefit from the 0.4 per cent reduction in ticket costs later this year.

Season ticket prices will now rise by 1.6 per cent from next January as Kent is on a five-year franchise deal permitting Southeastern Trains to increase fares at a higher rate than the rest of the country. It will mean an average increase of £50 a year on a season ticket, which the operator claims is necessary to fund service improvements.

The move has prompted an angry response from Medway-based Fair's Fare on Southeastern Trains campaign group, which is petitioning Downing Street to re-think its plans.

Campaign leader Chris Irvine said: "We have been hammered too much by the rail companies over the last few years and this is just another slap in the face."

"The government has defined those who are in fuel poverty as being anyone spending ten per cent on heating costs. I already spend more than ten per cent of my wages on travel to work, does this mean people like me will be in fuel poverty now?"



A Southeastern spokesman said: "All regulated fares are subject to Department of Transport (DfT) regulations and as a result in January 2010 our average regulated fare will increase by the Retail Price Index (RPI)\*plus three per cent, as set out in our franchise agreement with the DfT."

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## Ring in the changes and help stop irksome sales calls and junk mail

THIS is for everyone who has had enough of telephone sales people (and the recorded messages) AND the junk mail.

Below are my top tips for trying to end the telephone madness which wastes all of our time and to get your own back on the companies who send junk mail.

Firstly, when you get a sales call use these three little words: "Hold on, please."

Saying it, putting down your phone and walking off (instead of hanging-up immediately) would make each telemarketing call so much more time-consuming that sales rooms will grind to a halt.

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These three little words could help eliminate telephone soliciting.

Next, do you ever get those annoying phone calls with no one on the other end?

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Send an advert for your local chimney sweep to American Express. They might need one.

Send a pizza coupon to HSBC, in case their canteen packs up. You get the idea.

If you didn't get anything else that day to be redistributed, just send them back their blank application form. After all, it is their form.

If you want to remain anonymous, just make sure your name isn't on anything you return.

The banks and credit card companies are currently getting a lot of their own junk back in the post, but if this is going to succeed, we need to OVERWHELM them to stop them.

Let's let them know what it's like to get lots of junk mail, and best of all they're paying for it. Twice. Let's help keep Royal Mail busy. Since the Royal Mail is saying that e-mail is cutting into their business profits.

If enough people follow these tips, it will work, maybe you'll get very little junk mail any more.

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## TALK TIME

### GRANT CHAPMAN

The community fundraiser with Macmillan Cancer Support talks about his work for the charity and how there's a voluntary role for you, too



#### How did you get involved with Macmillan?

I knew about Macmillan because my Nan had a Macmillan nurse. I'd never thought about working for a charity. I'd worked in the catering industry, in the public sector and in sales, but never really felt true job satisfaction. I signed on with a recruitment agency and a month later a role as a community fundraiser in Kent came up, the agency put me forward and the rest is history. I've found the job satisfaction I had been looking for.

#### Can you tell us a little about the charity?

Macmillan Cancer Support improves the lives of people affected by cancer. We provide practical, medical, emotional and financial support and push for better care. Many people know about Macmillan nurses, but the other work we do, such as campaigning and providing financial support to families living with cancer, is also important.

#### What does your job involve?

I manage a team of four fundraising managers who cover Kent and Surrey. I also look to do my own fundraising. I work with companies across both counties and the media.

#### How do people volunteer?

It's easy, just give the office a call on 01622 600050 or go to [www.macmillan.org.uk](http://www.macmillan.org.uk)

#### What qualities are you looking for in people?

Everyone has something to offer. Whether you'd like to become an events volunteer, collections co-ordinator or join one of our fundraising groups, there's an opportunity.

## YOUR LETTERS

### A258 works have made a difference

I fully agree with John Gamet about the A258 (letters, August 12). However, on the point of not going far enough, I think there should be double white lines before and around every bend.

The 'ghost' islands are an invitation for some drivers to use these places to overtake – I have been witness to this many times.

Regarding the surface, this is much better than it was before and hopefully will be even better when all of the remaining iron-works have been sorted out.

Some are so bad that they really jolt when hit. I would also like to thank the contractors for the work they have done, especially when we had the snowfall when they were working.

Ron Greenstreet, Dover

### Football has sold its soul for filthy lucre

I completely agree with your blogger: professional football has moved away from sport to become a commercial money-making machine.

Many years ago, when footballers were still sportsman, I use to follow and support Chelsea FC, but now the huge egos and lack of discipline of the players, plus the lager-swilling louts who call themselves supporters, have completely turned me off the game. I do not want to be in any way associated with such people. What makes me



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blush with shame is these louts carry on their antisocial behaviour abroad, encouraged by the lack of sportsmanship of the players on the field. Now all British tourists are tarred with the same brush and I resent this.

Excessive coverage by the media is a choking overload to TV viewers and national newspaper readers, blanking out other sports. When asked to explain why they exclude other sports from coverage, I have been told

"football is the most popular sport in the UK and people want to watch it".

I disagree. Statistically, fishing is the most popular sport and every weekend there are more people at lakes, rivers and the sea than in stadiums watching soccer.

The only time we get a bit of relief from soccer is during Wimbledon. Thank goodness for Andy Murray.

John Atkins, Greatstone

### Train service more than a quick buck

Let's hope the new high-speed train services linking the county with London are not priced out of reach but given reasonable rates.

If train companies want to get people off the roads and on the rails, they should ensure that a trip on the new service is not too expensive.

I agree it can be slightly more than current fares. But pricing tickets out of the reach of the majority of travellers will be self-defeating in the extreme.

Marion Davies, by email

### Housing campaign no empty gesture

Kent Green Party supports the effort, led by the county council, to put empty homes into use through the No Use Empty Campaign ([www.no-use-empty.org](http://www.no-use-empty.org)).

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While we are surprised that Shepway council is not listed among those supporting this initiative, it is to be welcomed as a cheap route to providing more low-cost housing for rent.

We look forward to seeing the same approach being applied to long-term empty industrial buildings and sites. We were also pleased to note that, contrary to previous claims by elements of the construction industry, low-carbon housing of the type which will be standard from 2016, has been built for the same cost as conventional housing.

We hope councils will collaborate to encourage high-quality systems building to lower the cost of social housing and new homes for purchase in Kent and Medway, while raising building standards to the level we need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from homes.

Steve Dawe, Kent Green Party

## Register and ensure your right to vote

May I remind your readers to keep an eye out for the electoral registration forms local authorities are now sending out to households. With a

general election coming, now is the time to make sure you complete the form. Remember: you can't vote if you're not on the register, even if you pay council tax or have voted before. It's also worth thinking about whether you can get to a polling station to vote in person, or whether to apply in advance for a postal vote or a proxy vote.

To find out more, visit the independent elections watchdog's website at [www.aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk).

Peter Wardle, Electoral Commission

## It's a hole lot of good

On behalf of the Children's Trust, which has benefited from money raised during National Doughnut Week for the last five years, I would like to thank all who have helped to make this event such a success.

More than £150,000 has been raised and a further £30,000 will be added from the May 2009 event – a fantastic achievement!

I would like to thank the independent bakers who donate a percentage from doughnut sales during the week; sponsor BakeMark UK; founder of National Doughnut Week, Christopher Freeman; businesses and community groups who hold doughnut-themed events, and finally the public. I would also like to thank Ainsley Harriott, who lends his support to help raise awareness.

The Children's Trust provides care, education and therapy for children with multiple disabilities and complex health needs is the UK's

largest centre for residential rehabilitation of children and young people with an acquired brain injury.

For further information, visit [www.thechildrenstrust.org.uk](http://www.thechildrenstrust.org.uk).

Oonagh Goodman, Children's Trust

## Join the holiday fun

I would like to offer readers an opportunity for old and young to come together, learn from each other and work towards a common goal.

I work for the charity Vitalise, at a holiday centre called Jubilee Lodge in Chigwell. We provide respite holidays for people with physical disabilities. Our volunteers provide support to our disabled guests and ensure they get the most from their breaks.

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Eddy Marie, Vitalise

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## Everything happens at the right time for Rachel

WITH romantic films like *The Notebook* and *The Family Stone* to her name, it's hardly surprising that Rachel McAdams goes gooey at the mention of love.

"Yeah! I confess, I am a romantic," admits the 30-year-old actress, when we meet in a plush suite at a New York hotel.

Canadian-born Rachel's favourite love story is the one about her parents, who have been happily married for many years.

"I find relationships so fascinating. I like just watching my parents – they've been together so long and they're still so very much in love," she says.

"I'm in awe of that. I think it's a really interesting case study, to see how people spend their lives together.

"There are all these intimate moments that you're not privy to in life. You can't be a fly on the wall in people's relationships."

While the actress will discuss her parents' marriage, she's more guarded when it comes to her own relationships, which famously include a three-year romance with *Notebook* co-star Ryan Gosling (who hails from her hometown) and her current beau, actor Josh Lucas.

"I think there's a lot that happens in life that's very serendipitous," she says cryptically, refusing to be drawn into further detail.

Rachel – looking chic in a colourful one-shouldered Abaete creation, with her hair swept up – is set to light up the big screen again in the romantic fantasy, *The Time Traveler's Wife*.

Based on the best-selling novel by Audrey Niffenegger, it tells the story of Clare, whose one true love, Henry (played by Eric Bana), suffers from a rare genetic disorder, which makes him travel back and forth through time uncontrollably.

The effect is that the couple meet when they're both at different stages of their lives – while Clare's life runs chronologically, Henry often pops into it from the future, so that he's older than she is.

To say that Rachel loved the book – and coveted the role – is an understatement.

"I'd read the book and dreamed of playing Clare for a while, and it was such a long time before it happened," she reveals.

"I just fell madly in love with it and knew in the back of my mind that they were doing a movie at some point in time and I just waited. Hoping, a."

She adds: "I loved the story and I loved [director] Robert Schwentke's take on the story and I wanted to adapt that and translate that as well as I possibly could."

Rachel – who played high-school bully Regina in *Mean Girls* – was propelled to rising heights following the unexpected success of *The Notebook*, which then led to supporting roles in *Wedding Crashers* and *The Family Stone*.

Over the past few years she's also turned

■ BY SHEREEN LOW

her hand to heavier films, such as *Red Eye* and *State Of Play* – decisions she feels were partially taken out of her hands.

"I definitely believe in the power of energy and that you are drawn to certain things for inexplicable reasons, but in a very powerful way. I think everything happens for a reason," she says.

Whether it's fate or not, Rachel's status as one of Hollywood's most sought-after leading ladies will soon be cemented with the release of Guy Ritchie's *Sherlock Holmes* in December, which sees her play a femme fatale who outwits the famous Baker Street detective (Robert Downey Jr).

"It was so much fun because everything was so realistic and we were shooting in the real dungeons of London."



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One of the event's big attractions will be the return of the Folkestone Carnival parade, which takes place at 3pm on Sunday.

Although it was reluctantly decided earlier this year that the carnival could not go ahead, Racecourse Promotions has offered to sponsor the carnival for the next three years. This means the carnival tradition can continue, to the delight of its participants and fans.

Boasting a busy programme of events and entertainment for all the family, the East Kent County Show has attractions both on land and in the air.

From the natural entertainers of the animal world, such as ferrets and birds of prey, to thrilling aerobatic displays, visitors will find plenty to keep them busy all day.

### Tribute

On Saturday the main stage will host a diverse array of entertainment, including a performing-arts show, the semi-final of Kent's Got Talent, a Michael Jackson tribute, Battle of the Bands, Chix Wiv Pix and Blues Brothers' Little Brother.

Also appearing will be singer Mark Read (pictured), formerly of boy band A1.

There will be action in the skies from parachutists, Headcorn Turb-team and an aerobatic biplane display, followed by more aerial entertainment from Kent Glider Club and a SV4 Stampe on Sunday.

The second day's main-stage entertainment includes a nostalgic 60s and 70s set from The Vintage Corporation, along with more dog agility and falconry displays, ferret and terrier-racing and hands-on falconry in the arena.

On Bank Holiday Monday the Red Arrows are due to show off the breathtaking aerial agility that has



made them such a popular attraction.

Many motoring clubs and individual fans will be exhibiting their pride and joy in the classic car show, while people's flower-growing, vegetable-tending and bee-keeping endeavours will be rewarded in the horticultural marquee.

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MAN'S best friend will be put through his paces at the Willesborough Companion Dog Show.

Held in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind Ashford branch, the show will provide a day of bank holiday fun for all the family, particularly the four-legged members. The event will take place at the picturesque Willesborough Windmill, which will be open for guided tours, and there are lots of classes to enter, from sporting stars to waggiest tail.

The range of pedigree classes include puppy, sporting, non-sporting, open, veteran (over seven years) and a class for Best Junior Handler aged under 18. There are also fun novelty classes such as best rescue, prettiest bitch, most appealing eyes and the dog most like its owner.

Booking in starts at 10am and judging will take place at 11am. Entry to the event is free and admission to both pedigree and novelty classes cost £2 each. There will also be a display by SARDA – the Search and Rescue Dog Association.

There will be free parking and the cafe will be open. For more information call 01233 611650.



## RAT PACK TRIO

Saturday, September 5  
Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone

SHEPWAY becomes the centre of cool when the Rat Pack Trio rolls into town next month.

Joined by the Rat Pack Trio Orchestra and the fabulous Vegas Dancing Girls, the three purveyors of cool will delight the audience with their spectacular performances. Singing some of the 20th century's best-loved songs to the accompaniment of live music, the three crooners transport their audiences to the halcyon days of cool and style.

The Rat Pack Vegas Spectacular is a nostalgic and stylish tribute to three iconic stars - Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr. Every song in the show is a classic, such as Come Fly with Me, Volare, Under My Skin, Mr



Bojangles, Lady is a Tramp, Mack the Knife and many more unforgettable tunes.

Whether you are a fan of the original stars and have been introduced to the songs through more contemporary artists, this promises to be a

memorable evening full of outstanding music.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets are priced from £15 to £19. Book online at [www.leascliffhall.org.uk](http://www.leascliffhall.org.uk) or call the box office on 0844 847 1776.

## OFF KEY PARTY

Sunday, August 30  
Banks, Maidstone

HOMEGROWN talent returns to the county town for Off Key's daytime alfresco party on the Banks outdoor terrace.

Nic Fanciulli is synonymous with underground house and techno, Saved Records and basically being a world-beating club DJ. Also hailed as an 'all-round nice bloke', Fanciulli is stopping off in the middle of his worldwide Global Underground tour to celebrate his birthday in his home town.

Another special guest will be deep house and techno pioneer, Funk D'void, making his Maidstone debut. This in-demand DJ and producer is one of the circuit's busiest men and pleases all with his no-nonsense music.

Off Key resident Sam Ball returns from a successful tour in Brazil to appear on Sunday along with Lee Brinx, who has spent the season working in Ibiza for Meganite, and Duncan K who appears fresh from his Tunnel Vision parties. Original Banks resident Nathan Martin will make his Off Key debut.

The fun starts at noon and continues until late. Early bird tickets cost £10 and standard tickets are £12. Book at [www.clubtickets.com](http://www.clubtickets.com). More information can be found on Facebook.



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### Parkin up for another night of jazz at hotel

JAZZ fans can enjoy an evening of live music at The Grand in The Leas, Folkestone, this week.

The hotel's weekly programme of live jazz continues with Steve Parkin and The Parkin Lot, from the Medway towns.

The concert will be held in Keppels Music Room at 8.30pm on Thursday. Admission costs £5. For more information call 01303 260330.

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It is a passion for food which keeps Dees at the top of the restaurant game and many customers can testify to that.

The restaurant was first born in Deal in 1979, when it enjoyed four successful years as Dees Diner. Next, it spent three years in Whitstable under the name of Mister David.

Dave explains: "After I took a break from catering, Dees Bistro arrived in Minster in 1995 until 2005, when I sold the business. Ten months later I bought it back, only to be pursued by another purchaser and sold it again."

"I had a few months in the sun, but could not get catering out of my system and opened again in Sandwich in May 2008."

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Dover was chosen on the recommendation of a close friend, who owns the building and suggested it could be a perfect place to set up.

"We do grill specialties alongside Hungarian cuisine including goulash."



The restaurant stocks a fine range of Hungarian wines, including Bulls Blood and Tokaji Aszu and a range of spirits which is probably available only in The Carpathian.

The restaurant opens from 6pm until 11pm Tuesday to Saturday and noon until 3pm every day.

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■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

The three-day Bank Holiday weekender brings the Medway pub's outdoor Riverside Live programme to a close.

A Command House spokesman said he hoped this weekend's bill would be a fitting end to the summer season.

He said: "After 15 Riverside Live events featuring more than 100 bands and some great events, such as Love Music Hate Racism, the line-up for this final weekend is going to be one of the best yet."

"We'll be featuring acts such as Tyrannosaurus Alan, Reasonable Doubt, Aliquot Flow, FaithnFury, Crimson Tears, Tank Trap, Everything & Nothing, Lodestone.

"As a warm-up for their up-coming UK tour, alternative indie favourites What Would Jesus Drive will be using the event to launch their new single on the Medway crowd.

"Fans will be able to hear the new offering a full two weeks before the official launch in London.

"Hard-working indie/rock band Wave Park will be flying back from a gruelling month-long tour of Italy to appear on the Monday evening for one of their rocket-fuelled sets."

Sunday sees the second annual Medway Happenings Fest charity one-dayer take place, raising money for the Oxfam appeal.

This year's line-up includes UpCDownC, The Vanderbilts, My Last Mistake, The Bresslaws and many others.

For more information visit [www.myspace.com/thecommandhouse](http://www.myspace.com/thecommandhouse).

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- UpCDownC
- My Last Mistake
- Tank Trap
- The Bresslaws
- The Vanderbilts
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**MUSIC TO THEIR EARS:** Tyrannosaurus Alan, top, and UpCDownC, above, will play at The Command House

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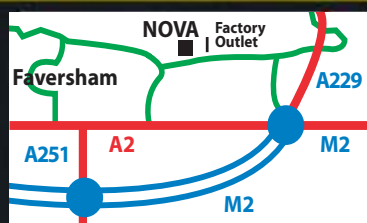
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## YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

### **BENEFIT BUSTERS** Channel 4, Thursday, 9pm

SINGLE mums living off the welfare state may not sound the most exciting of subjects – but it is definitely one of the most controversial.

The first recession for a generation has turned the spotlight firmly on those who could or should work, but for whatever reason have come to depend on the handouts that are becoming increasingly difficult to justify.

Channel 4's new series Benefit Busters seems, at first, to be another one of those excuses to glare at and scrutinise those who would happily rip us off, making them the object of hardworking people's ire.

Certainly the trailer and opening shots makes you think these are all perfectly capable adults who have grown too used to a lazy lifestyle to want to give it up for the toil and sweat of a nine to five shift in budget store Poundland.

That is the case until we are confronted by the benefit buster herself, an imposing Northern lady by the name of Hayley Taylor who works for A4E, a 'private welfare contractor' employed by the Government to try and turn these mums' lives around and get them off the social.

She has a sergeant major persona accompanied by colourful clichés such as how those sat around the table with her can turn themselves from 'ugly caterpillars' to 'beautiful butterflies' in their search for full-time work.

This tough love approach at first looks as though it's all going to backfire, given the hopelessness of some of the candidates facing her.

One mum, Dawn, bemoans the fact she's been out of work for years and has run up thousands of pounds on



**TOUGH LOVE:** Hayley Taylor aims to help jobless

credit cards while pleading a life of poverty, before the camera artfully cuts to the jumbo-sized TV screen in the corner.

Another, 34-year-old Yvette who has four children and has never worked, complains her standard of life would be impossible to keep up without the handouts she receives.

But the programme does achieve a remarkable turnaround when the more human, lonely side of these women's plight becomes apparent.

Donah, another mum who has been unemployed for years, is revealed to have a drink problem, but is helped to overcome it thanks to Hayley.

But they do all share the same aspiration to want to return to work and gain some respect from the society they live in, and you could not help but wish success for all concerned.

The uplifting scene at the end where one-by-one each receives a phone call asking them to take a part in a two-week, unpaid trial at Poundland, with the view of getting a full-time job, definitely rouses the spirits.

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE BY RUSSELL GRANT



### **AQUARIUS** (Jan 21-Feb 19)

AN exciting money making opportunity lands in your lap. This is your chance to earn a living through your creative work. In a few months you could even launch your own business. If you're going to reach your full potential, you need to expand your horizons.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



### **TAURUS** (Apr 21-May 21)

CLUTTER could be accumulating at an alarming rate. You've always been something of a pack rat. Unfortunately, all this junk is starting to undermine your productivity. Positive feedback about a creative project prompts you to branch out into another medium.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Taurus** 09067-531753



### **LEO** (Jul 24-Aug 23)

MESSAGES, packages, and mail have a way of going astray. If you need to send something important do it in a way that can be tracked. Money from an insurance policy or legacy could be unexpectedly awarded to you. Keep this fund a secret, or the vultures could swoop in to claim it.

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### **SCORPIO** (Oct 24-Nov 22)

BETRAYING someone's confidence is no joke. You hold private information as sacred. It may be necessary to turn the spotlight on a person's bad behaviour for their own good. This is especially true if innocent victims are involved. Love could make its way into your life in an unusual way.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759



### **PISCES** (Feb 20-Mar 20)

A GOOD time to start thinking of building a family. If you have different ideas you should resist the temptation to go on a shopping spree. Racking up lots of debt is a huge mistake. Friends may put pressure on you to break off a romance. Something about your partner worries them.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Pisces** 09067-531763



### **GEMINI** (May 22-Jun 22)

A NEW job gives you more money for luxuries. Although you're not especially materialistic, it's nice to be able to afford the finer things in life. Dealing with a youngster could be tricky. They could challenge your authority at every turn. Resist the urge to buy their affections.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Gemini** 09067-531754



### **VIRGO** (Aug 24-Sep 23)

DISCUSSIONS about money won't go down too well. Everybody is hurting for cash. Although you may deserve it, your boss isn't able to give you a raise. If you're looking for work, there may not be any jobs available. You've got to formulate an alternate plan for meeting bills.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757



### **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23-Dec 21)

A FRIEND could have some unpleasant news for you. Listen to what they have to say before you make any snap decisions. As a person who values honesty, you have to admit the importance of having truthful people around you. A relationship gives you a softer outlook on life.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Sagittarius** 09067-531760



### **ARIES** (Mar 21-Apr 20)

USUALLY you're very decisive, but that won't be the case this week. There are just too many options to consider. Ultimately, it's better to make the wrong decision than to remain paralysed. A happy surprise regarding your family prompts you to make some exciting plans.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aries** 09067-531752



### **CANCER** (Jun 23-Jul 23)

YOU attract admirers from every corner. If you want to embark on a romance this is the week to make your move. All you need to do is throw some come hither glances at the object of your affection. You could encounter some problems trying to buy or sell a home.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755



### **LIBRA** (Sep 24-Oct 23)

YOU may have to go back on your word – which is really bad news for you. Unfortunately, circumstances beyond your control will force you to cancel a project or miss a deadline. A relative will be very disappointed with you. It will take some time to regain their trust.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758



### **CAPRICORN** (Dec 22-Jan 20)

YOU could get a very good deal on electronic equipment. Take this opportunity to update your home entertainment system. If a loved one offers to buy you a gadget, say 'yes'. Being more receptive to kindness will only improve your relationship. Your boss may be critical this week.

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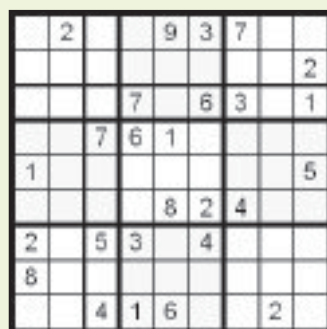
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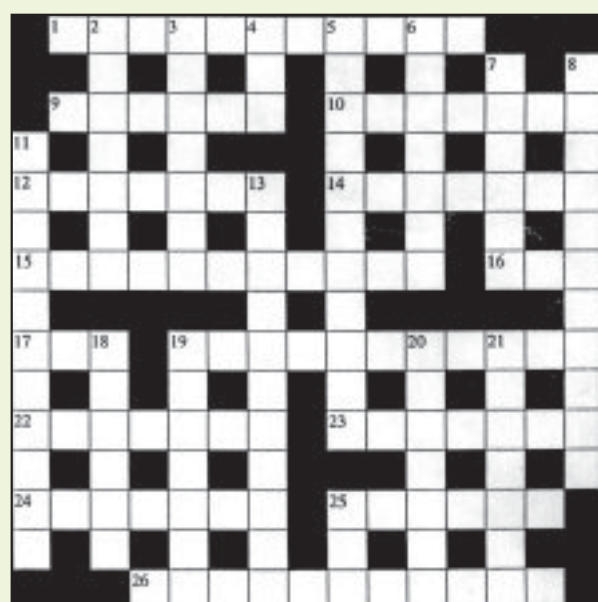
#### ACROSS

- 1 Impressing thoroughly when returning in one's car (7,4)
- 9 Hangover from the freeze (6)
- 10 Derek, by river, has to remove parasites (7)
- 12 Scoundrel removed part of bicycle pedal (3-4)
- 14 Lady be included in year's entry (7)
- 15 Lady cook, treat her overprotectively (11)
- 16 Keep under - lower (3)
- 17 Sun so low to begin with (3)
- 19 Not produce one's best in expression of defiance (2,4,5)
- 22 Nevertheless we hang about (7)
- 23 Two weights produce measure of explosive force (7)
- 24 Continue after a meeting (7)
- 25 Part of body of ox and hart dissected! (6)
- 26 Removing water although hated drying out (11)

#### DOWN

- 2 Citizen appearing in genuine performance (7)
- 3 Icy over slipshod governor (7)
- 4 Maiden name one expected to include (3)
- 5 From concealed place, sneaked off for game (4-3-4)
- 6 Middle Eastern angel performed medley (7)
- 7 Canadianis city's communications codeword (6)
- 8 Gold weight found in national park (11)
- 11 Where pupils are prepared to act (5,6)
- 13 Negative results initially came from this (11)
- 18 Solicitor from Warley (6)
- 19 Debase veal due to be cooked (7)
- 20 Abandon strike (7)
- 21 Keep Rex in to do some more exercises (7)
- 25 Jack in at the start (3)

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### QUICK CLUES

#### ACROSS

- 1 Sound of admiration (4-7)
- 9 Brawl (6)
- 10 Have faith (7)
- 12 Tennis bat (7)
- 14 Regroup (7)
- 15 Flexibility (11)
- 16 Fowl (3)
- 17 Confer knighthood (3)
- 19 Spanish 'coast of the sun' (5,3,3)
- 22 Dumplings (7)
- 23 Fast train (7)
- 24 Shackle (7)
- 25 Legal expert (6)
- 26 Band of gold (7-4)

#### DOWN

- 2 Constable (7)
- 3 Recipe (7)
- 4 Dried grass (3)
- 5 Under orders of another (11)
- 6 Cradle-song (7)
- 7 Highest point (6)
- 8 Having no significance (11)
- 11 Sexton (5-6)
- 13 Sensitive to criticism (4-7)
- 18 Irregular discoloration (6)
- 19 Rosette worn on a hat (7)
- 20 King (7)
- 21 Half-relative (7)
- 25 First month (abbrev.) (3)

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## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

### SUDOKU SOLUTIONS No101

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### CRYPTIC SOLUTION No101

**ACROSS:** 1 Sustenance 6 Aged 9 Aztec  
10 Tour 11 Jean 13 Pork scratchings 14  
Rosewood 16 Priory 18 Goalie 19 Bechamel  
22 Greyhound racing 24 Loon 25 Uvea 26  
Draft 27 Dote 28 Broken-down. **DOWN:** 1  
Snapper 2 Satyr 3 Excess weight 4 Anterior  
5 Crusty 7 Greenroom 8 Dynasty 12  
Churchwarden 15 Spaced out 17 Feedback  
18 Goggled 20 Lighten 21 Quiver 23 Imago.

### QUICK SOLUTION No102

Emperor 21 Stepson 25 Jan.  
Thin-skinned 18 Blotch 19 Cockade 20  
Zenith 8 Meaningless 11 Grave-digger 13  
Formula 4 Hay 5 Subordinate 6 Lullaby 7  
3 Formula 4 Hay 5 Subordinate 6 Lullaby 7  
Jurat 26 Wedding ring. **DOWN:** 2 Officer  
22 Gnocchi 23 Express 24 Enchain 25  
Versatility 16 Hen 17 Dind 19 Costa del Sol  
Believe 12 Racquet 14 Realism 15  
**ACROSS:** 1 Wolf-whistle 9 Affray 10

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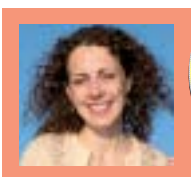


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## WOMEN seeking men

### LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT

Young lady, 20, enjoys meals out, cinema and socialising with friends, WLTm man, 20-30, with similar interests. Box 454247 ①

### A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Hi I'm Katie, caring, fun-loving, 5ft5, slim single mum of 2. Enjoy clubbing out and cosy nights in with genuine man. Box 453269 ①

### MATCH OF THE DAY!

Fun-to-be-with, blonde female, 25, 5ft2, a woman who loves football! Enjoys going out and staying in, looking for a like-minded man, to be her soulmate. Box 446494 ①

### NOT YOUR BROWN-EYED GIRL, BUT...

Blue-eyed brunette, 27, 5ft1, loves films, walking, darts, pool, singing, me time! Looking for honest guy with GSOH, to get to know. Box 880105 ①

### YOURS AND YOURS ONLY

Attractive, down-to-earth British-Indian single mum, 29, WLTm white British male, 29-34, no ties, for long-term relationship. Box 883431 ①

### GIVE AND TAKE IN LOVE

Loving loyal female, 30, blue eyes, brown hair, seeking LTR with male 30-35, 5ft4, no baggage, in the Maidstone area. Box 448471 ①

### SEEKING MR DARCY

Warm, kind and sincere woman, 31, lots of love and loyalty for the right person, seeking an honest genuine man with a good heart. Box 451004 ①

### IS ANYONE OUT THERE?

31yr old easygoing, independent female, WLTm cuddly fella to enjoy the finer things in life with, leading to LTR with the right person. Box 879931 ①

### HORSES FOR COURSES...

Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013 ①

### GOOD LUCK CHARM

Sporty female, 34, 5ft2, likes the gym, beach walks, Tennis and cycling, with similar male in his 30s for friendship in Eastbourne. Box 453712 ①

### A FAIRYTALE ENDING!

Princess Fiona, 34, looking to meet her Shrek. 5ft8, short brown/blonde hair, blue eyes, large build, seeks romantic caring guy for friendship, maybe more! Box 877957 ①

### FEAST YOUR EYES ON ME...

Hello I'm Andrea, 35, petite 5ft3, shoulder length curly hair. I enjoy eating out, cinema and I'm looking for friendship and possible long term relationship. Box 453039 ①

### HAPPY DAYS!

Attractive, fun-loving female, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTm intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734 ①

### SOUND GOOD?

Hello I'm 35, kind, caring and non-smoking, enjoy cooking, cinema, music, dining in and out, looking for that special someone to enjoy a relationship with. Box 447595 ①

### SEALED WITH A KISS

Petite lady, 36, long hair, blue eyes, single mum, enjoys holidays, wine and dining, laughing, seeks loyal, loving man for friendship and more. Box 453079 ①

### STARRY NIGHTS

Hello I'm Sarah, single mum from Kent, brown hair enjoy swimming nights in/out looking for a caring man to share the best thing in life. Box 878378 ①

### BE MINE

Honest and caring woman, 36, 5ft5, slim build, blue eyes, I'm caring, honest and have 4 children. I enjoy drives and horse riding. Maidstone. Box 456159 ①

## SOMETHING LASTING

Professional single mum, 37, own home, looking for a man for friendship, hopefully a permanent relationship. Box 455221 ①

### GALLOP AHEAD!

Maidstone-based woman, 36, 5ft5, slim build, blue eyes. I'm caring, honest and have 4 children. I enjoy drives and horse riding, and WLTm honest, reliable man. Box 451311 ①

### MEND A BROKEN HEART

Single mum, 37, fun-loving, been hurt in past, looking for nice, genuine guy for hopeful happiness - no time wasters! Box 908053 ①

### SEIZE THE DAY

Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666 ①



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**BLONDE AMBITION**  
Bubbly, cuddly, blonde single mum, 39, 5ft6, likes cars, reading, pubs, cosy nights in, having a laugh, looking for that right male for LTR. Box 905614 ①

**CUTE AS CAN BE**  
Cute single mum of four, 38, Kent-based, into most things, looking for friendship, possibly romance. Box 897983 ①

**ENTHUSIASM ENCOURAGED!**  
Lovely pretty big-busted lady, 39, medium build, 5ft5, lots of energy! likes the gym, reading, new experiences! seeking a nice man for potential exciting relationship! Box 446724 ①

**PERFECT MATCH**  
Hi I'm Nikki, 5ft7, brown hair, green eyes, enjoys animals especially my pets. Looking for a tall man who has a personality compatible with mine. Box 453374 ①

**TO THE STARS**  
Woman with a great sense of humour, I'm 40, and I like going out, astrology, writing, and socialising. How about you? Kent area. Box 453877 ①

**YOUNG-AT-HEART**  
Attractive 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901883 ①

**SMILE!**  
Looking for a fun-loving guy for a LTR. I'm 41, works as a dental nurse, easy to get on with, always up for fun times. Sittingbourne Box 454827 ①

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## BETWEEN US

Asian lady, 41, single, no ties, outgoing, fun-loving, professional, looking for white male, genuine, professional and solvent. Box 451900 ①

### FOR A RELATIONSHIP?

Shy but confident once-known female, a mum, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent for friendship leading to more. Box 882693 ①

### I SHOULD BE SO LUCKY

Hello, I'm Karen, 42, dark brown hair, medium build, gosh, looking for a man with no issues and gosh who can enjoy life with me. Box 452204 ①

### ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

Hello, I'm Nikki, 41yr young, 5ft1, enjoys dining out, cinema and dancing, seeking a male for friendship, possible romance and fun times. Box 447496 ①

### LOVE IS ALL AROUND

Happy-go-lucky, bubbly blonde, 42, blue eyes, hard-working, love outings, looking for a nice, genuine guy for relationship. Bromley Box 454517 ①

### HELLO EVERYONE!

Single dog-owner, 42, fun-loving, kind and loyal, likes meals out, weekends away, country walks, WLTm a non-smoking guy to share it all with. Seaford Box 454569 ①

### ACTIVE TYPE

Lively, energetic and fun loving mum, 42, I'm 5ft3, petite, pretty, blonde/brown hair/hazel eyes, wltm mixed race/black girl, to share good times with. Box 451819 ①

### LET'S DATE!

Hard-working woman, 42, WLTm a nice and caring man to date and be happy with. Herne Bay Box 455327 ①

### BELLA ISABEL

Lovely, fun and caring brunette, 42, recently divorced, intelligent, hard working, fun-loving, WLTm a gent to socialise with. Box 878250 ①

### TALL ORDER

Curvy lady, 5ft9, 43yrs old, blonde hair/green eyes. I live in Deal in Kent, I'm down-to-earth and like being out and about. Box 456920 ①

### ONLY LOVE

Looking for a young at heart, non-smoking, cat loving male. I'm 44, enjoy travelling, reading and going out, looking for friendship, possibly a relationship. Folkestone Box 456019 ①

### TLC ON OFFER FOR THE RIGHT PERSON!

Blonde, blue eyed woman, 44, fun-loving, looking for Mr Right. I love going out, nights in, movies, walking, local gigs. WLTm the right man for TLC. Box 880280 ①

### COULD IT BE YOU?

Hi I'm 44, slim, 5ft8, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 889800 ①

### STARTING OVER

Divorced 45yr old cuddly woman, brown eyes/hair, likes swimming, animals, cinema, soap, the beach. WLTm a honest, non-smoking man for friendship, maybe more. Ashford Box 878141 ①

### RELIGHT MY FIRE

Young professional widow, 46, own home, tall, attractive, green eyes/fair hair, enjoys all the good things in life. Looking for a fun-loving romantic guy. Box 876575 ①

## COME ON DOWN!

Honest, bubbly female 45, long hair, slim, enjoys walking, cinema, socialising, seeks honest, friendly chap for friendship leading to more. Box 882693 ①

### FROM THIS MOMENT

Young-looking 48yr old female, 5ft4, slim, n/s, affectionate, loyal and caring, looking for a male, 40-45, n/s, - 5ft7, to share life with. Ashford. Box 454591 ①

### HEART AND SOUL

Easy-going single mum, 46, 5ft4, size 12/14, likes bowling, gardening, swimming, looking for a man, 35-49, slim/medium build with similar interests. Maidstone Box 454176 ①

### SOUND GOOD?

Lynne 46, 5ft4, dark hair/eyes, loves reading/writing/socialising/astrology/ta rs... seeking honest, caring, outgoing guy to enjoy music, fun, friendship and more!..Russell (petrol head) please call again, leave contacts! Box 449186 ①

### A HAPPY ENDING

Bubbly divorced mum, 47, blue eyes, blonde, 5ft9, enjoys the countryside and wildlife, intellectual conversation and novels, seeking intelligent male for soulmate. Ashford. Box 456456 ①

### LOOK THIS WAY!

Slender single mum, 48, 5ft5, light brown hair, works full time, friendly and easy-going, WLTm lots of new friends, hopefully someone special. Box 878456 ①

### STIMULATING COMPANY

Bubbly, caring, single mum, 46, wltm nice male, for good conversations, company, and maybe more. Box 396829 ①

### A WONDERFUL IDEA

Professional lady, 49, n/s, with manners and a heart, good-looking, hazel eyes, blonde hair, likes cinema, weekends away and walks. WLTm my soul mate! Maidstone Box 456662 ①

### BE MY FRIEND AND LOVER

Bubbly, caring lady, 47, divorced with 2 teenagers, dark hair, medium build, into cooking, driving, love to talk, laugh and have fun, seeking a normal guy Box 425952 ①

### CARING & PROFESSIONAL

Female 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim build, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55. Hastings Box 471100 ①

### TLC TO GIVE

Genuine, at-heart lady, 48, slim, dark hair, friendly, enjoy meeting people, GSOH, WLTm a fun man, has a laugh and wants a relationship. Kent Box 471457 ①

### JUST IMAGINE

Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easy-going single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTm genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562 ①

### LOVELY BUBBLY

Short 51yr old professional lady, likes history, films and reading, seeking a genuine gent, 45-58, with gosh to enjoy evenings out, stimulating conversations and fun. Box 452311 ①

### BRING ME TO LIFE

Lighthearted female, 42, 5ft2, medium build, loves walking, socialising, swimming, holidays, looking for friendship maybe more. Box 453832 ①

### PUT SPARK INTO LIFE

Caring slim female, 64, 5ft2, like meals out, cinema, walks, gardening and golf, looking for a kind and loving companion. 60-68. Box 450581 ①

### NEARLY FOUND

Tall, slim, fair-haired lady, 68, sociable but lonely and looking to meet a man to take a special place in my life. Folkestone. Box 454993 ①

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### TALL & SLIM

Sociable female, 54, tall & slim, short dark hair, green eyes, love gardening, walks, reading, visiting country pubs, dining out, wltm a like-minded gent. Box 456504 ①

### MOVING ON

Blonde, blue-eyed solvent female, 54, chaf, young-looking, enjoys travel, dining out, conversation, swimming anything social! Seeking a like-minded man for a loving relationship. Eastbourne Box 877161 ①

### DO YOU HAVE THE BRAINS & THE LOOKS?

Professional, attractive female, 54, enjoys the countryside, gardening, keeping fit, reading and live music, looking to meet an attractive and intelligent man for a relationship. Box 448653 ①

### A FAIRY TALE ENDING

Bubbly blonde, 56, hazel eyes, hard working, seeking a man, 45-55, to be my knight in shining armour. Herne Bay Box 455417 ①

### LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS!

Smart petite lady, 56, 5ft4, tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448795 ①

### MUSIC TO MY EARS

Hi my name's Christine, 59, 5'9", slim build, wear glasses, likes live music, theatre, playing darts, looking for slim build male, for friendship, possible more. Box 419914 ①

### WALKS ALONG THE COAST

Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622 ①

### DREAMS OF YOU

Genuine, caring lady, late 50s, slim & young looking, looking for a loyal, considerate, N/S male for long term relationship. Box 448596 ①

### BEING WITH YOU

Hi I'm Jenny, 61yr old widow, enjoys pub meals, countryside, the beach, cinema, seeks loving male for friendship and more. Box 453104 ①

### WINE AND DINE

62yr old bubbly, petite, fit lady, like walking, picnics, the beach, cosy nights, seeking a honest male to share the finer things in life with. Box 453724 ①

### NEVER TOO LATE

Hello, I'm Betty, 62, cuddly widow, 5ft5, brown hair/brown eyes, gosh and love life, seeking a like-minded gent for companionship and more. Box 452329 ①

### SOMEBODY TO LAUGH WITH

Loving lady looking for companionship, 63, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, loves dancing, walks and animals; seeks similar male with great SOH for lasting happiness. Box 446382 ①

### PUT SPARK INTO LIFE

Caring slim female, 64, 5ft2, like meals out, cinema, walks, gardening and golf, looking for a kind and loving companion. 60-68. Box 450581 ①

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### STICK WITH YOU

Attentive 38yr old male, looking for a





# Enjoy a safe haven in Jamaica

■ BY ANNA SMITH

JAMAICA, even with its lush greenery and beautiful golden sands, isn't always seen as the friendliest island in the Caribbean.

It is home to reggae legend Bob Marley and Olympic champion Usain 'Lightning' Bolt, as well as the finest rum and coffee in the world, but the media paints it as a dangerous place.

The former British colony reportedly has one of the highest murder rates in the world, with gun crime and gang warfare rife.

But any sense of menace was quickly dispelled as we arrived safely at Sangster International Airport and returned a wave from the smiling ground staff.

Images of violence are hard to take in when you see the island's tropical rainforests, sprawling American-style resorts, topsy-turvy shacks and whitewashed mansions, one of which, our friendly driver Maxwell pointed out, belongs to Rolling Stone Keith Richards.

On the way to our resort, Couples Sans Souci, in the north, near the port town of Ocho Rios, Maxwell pointed out tourist hotspots.

There's Dry Harbour, now called Discovery Bay, said to be the landing point of Christopher Columbus in 1494.

Closer to Ocho Rios, we saw Dolphin Cove, a popular tourist attraction where you can swim with sea mammals or even sharks.

Picturesque Dunn's River Falls attracts visitors from all over Jamaica. Here, you and fellow tourists can scale the rocks in a human chain as water cascades all around you.

We arrived at Couples Sans Souci tired but ready to see more. Our traditional Jamaican room had floral bedspreads, mismatched furniture and cream floor tiles, while the air-con



**MAKING A SPLASH:** The spectacular Dunn's River Falls is a popular destination with visitors from across the island

was a welcome relief from the heat outside.

Sans Souci has an old-school charm that creates a cosy, homely haven. It's built into a cliff, with winding paths and stone steps linking the different aspects of the resort – the arched beach bay, the restaurants, bars and pools and spa facilities where we indulged in a massage in a gazebo on the edge of the Caribbean Sea.

Jamaica, and Sans Souci in particular, are popular with American tourists, thanks to the short hour-and-a-half flight to Florida.

We also spent a day at Couples Tower Isle, two miles up the road. The resort had just had a multi-million-dollar refurbishment. Where Sans Souci is traditional, Tower Isle is more modern with a European feel.

Don't miss the piano bar, lined with old photos of the company's founder Abe Issa rubbing shoulders with celebrities such as Walt Disney

and Eva Gabor. Abe was nicknamed the father of Jamaican tourism when, in the late-1950s, he helped visitor arrivals surge from 86,000 to 227,000 per year.

Visitors afraid to venture off their resorts will miss out on really experiencing the culture of this diverse and dynamic country.

Downtown Ocho Rios was once a fishing village. It's now a famous stop for cruise ships in the Caribbean and is considered one of the safest areas for tourists in Jamaica.

The town is busy and vibrant, with colourful, if rundown, shops and side-road market stalls.

Our reception in Jamaica could not have been warmer. And there's one other thing British visitors should remember: with the pound currently buying almost 150 Jamaican dollars, your money will go a bit further than it might in other countries this summer.

## FACT FILE: JAMAICA

<b>Time difference</b>	+ six hours (GMT)
<b>Capital</b>	Kingston
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Population</b>	2,804,332
<b>Currency</b>	£1 = 145 Jamaican dollars
<b>Religion</b>	Christian
<b>Climate</b>	Tropical

## Travel details

Anna Smith was a guest of Thomson Holidays, which offers 7-night, all-inclusive stays at Couples San Souci from £1,500 in mid-August, including flights from Gatwick with Thomsonfly and transfers.

- Thomson Holidays: 0871 231 4691 and [www.thomson.co.uk](http://www.thomson.co.uk).
- Jamaica Tourist Board information: 0207 225 9090 and [www.visitjamaica.com](http://www.visitjamaica.com).
- Resort information on [www.couplesresorts.co.uk](http://www.couplesresorts.co.uk).



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## PROPERTY NEWS

### Third of homeowners unable to move house

THE housing market downturn has left up to 3.5 million Britons unable to move, according to research from mortgage broker John Charcol.

The estimate is that one-third of UK households with residential mortgages are stuck in their properties due to falling prices which have eroded the amount of equity they hold and restricted access to mortgage finance.

The firm has calculated that some two million households are either in negative equity or have seen their stakes in their properties shrink to below ten per cent.

A further 500,000 hold equity of between ten per cent and 15 per cent and an estimated one million are effectively excluded from the mortgage market because their home loans fall into the sub-prime or self-cert categories.

John Charcol spokesman Ray Boulger said: "When people move, they rely on the equity in their property to provide most of the deposit for their new property, currently a minimum of ten per cent in most cases, plus moving costs, of which stamp duty land tax is often the biggest."

And the findings have importance beyond the effect on those undergoing the problem, analysts are warning.

Mr Boulger added: "Having such a large number of households currently unable to move is not only a serious problem for those concerned, but also has macro-economic consequences."

### Average asking price down since last month

HOME-SELLERS asked 2.2 per cent less for their houses in the past four weeks than one month earlier, according to numbers released by Rightmove, the property website.

The average asking price for a home in England and Wales was £222,762, more than £5,000 less than in the four weeks to July 12.

The finding contrasted with Rightmove's warning last month that the "window of opportunity to pick up best buys" was closing, after five out of six months had shown price increases.

The average asking price on the website is now 3.1 per cent less than a year ago.

The summer is usually a quiet time in the housing market – the average asking price on Rightmove fell by a similar amount last August. This summer, however, the company said traffic on its website was higher than ever, suggesting buyers were returning to the market.



# Auction director is going, going, gone

ONE of the best-known figures on the county's property scene is to retire after more than 45 years in the business.

David Allen, auction director at Ward & Partners, was 18 when he entered the profession in 1963, when a typical three-bedroom semi could be bought for as little as £2,500.

He managed the Sheerness office in 1977 before Wards became part of the Arun Estates Group, with David as operations director in charge of 12 offices in the west of the county.

He also found time to set up the firm's exclusive homes and overseas operations, as well as running the existing auctions department, before eventually focusing solely on the auction side of the business. He was appointed auction director for the entire Arun Estates Group in 2001.

David, a keen golfer, said: "I feel very fortunate that I have experienced all facets of estate agency in my 45 years of practice – from residential sales to commercial, agricultural and industrial, overseas and, of course, auctions.

"For the last 32 years I have been privileged to work for what I consider to be the finest estate agency in the South East, bar none."

BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

Rather than seek a replacement, it has been decided to close the auction department altogether and refer all such business to the agency's corporate client and land and new homes departments.

In tribute, David Lench, Ward's managing director, said: "Trying to find someone with such breadth of experience in the Kent property market would be well-nigh impossible.

"I would like to thank all of the auction department's clients for their loyalty over the years and assure them that they will continue to be well looked after by Ward & Partners' extensive network of offices and specialist departments, which continue to go from strength to strength."

Mr Allen, when asked what he intends to do with his free time, promptly replied: "Play lots of golf!"

But with the county's property market seemingly beginning a slow but steady recovery, there will probably be only one topic of conversation with fellow players between holes – house prices.

The corporate client and new homes department can be phoned on 01634 735688.



OUTGOING: Retiring auction director David Allen

# Banks cash in as borrowers face high-SVR repayments

HOMEOWNERS are being forced to pay as much as £1,300 extra a year after their initial mortgage comes to an end, according to a national newspaper.

Analysts say it is happening because lenders are taking advantage of consumers' difficulty in getting new deals.

Exclusive research for The Daily Telegraph has revealed the latest evidence of how banks are profiteering amid the credit crisis by refusing to cut interest rates for borrowers.

The newspaper said it discovered that almost a third of lenders had a standard variable rate – the rate which home loans revert to after the initial rate comes to an end – of

more than 5 per cent, with the highest being 6.45 per cent.

These standard variable rates (SVRs) vary from lender to lender, and the rising cost of mortgages means some borrowers can be better off slipping automatically on to such a rate as it may be lower than what they were previously paying.

For example, the lowest SVR is just 2.5 per cent.

But financial analysts urged borrowers to check their lender's SVR as they could be in for a nasty shock, paying a much higher rate than they were expecting.

The research by personal finance website

Moneyfacts showed 26 out of 90 lenders had an SVR of more than 5 per cent.

The average margin between Bank of England interest rates at 0.5 per cent and the average SVR has risen from 1.72 per cent at the end of 2007 compared with 4.12 per cent today, Moneyfacts said.

Previously households have been able to avoid paying the standard variable rate by switching to new deals, but the credit crunch now means many no longer have that option.

On a typical £150,000 mortgage, borrowers save £335 a month by paying the cheapest SVR of 2.5 per cent compared with the most expensive of 6.45 per cent.

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## FOLKESTONE



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## MOTORS NEWS



### Citroën challenges for cult car crown with DS3

WAKE up BMW and Fiat – a new cult car challenger from Citroën is due here next spring.

Like the BMW Mini and Fiat 500, the all-new compact DS3 – the first of three DS premium models – offers a wide range of personalisation options under a scheme to be called 'My DS3'.

It will stand out anyway through sharp design, colour-contrasted 'floating roof' in black, white, blue or red, 'shark fin' side pillars and sleek front LED lights and customisable interior too.



### Less is more for Astra's range of eco stunners

NOT only will Vauxhall's next Astra offer stunning looks, but also reflect a fast-changing engine market when it arrives at the end of this year.

Smaller and more efficient petrol engines and efficient diesels ranging from 85-180bhp are promised, with a low emissions ecoFLEX diesel due later.

Most intriguing is an all-new turbocharged 1.4-litre petrol engine, reflecting a trend started by VW, which can deliver extra power when needed yet has much lower emissions and fuel consumption.



### Kuga's appeal springs sales to a new height

FROM being one of the rarest Fords on sale, the Kuga SUV may yet become one of the company's better known.

After a slow burn since launch in 2008, coinciding with a consumer swing away from 4x4s and styling, the Kuga was Britain's best-selling compact 4x4 in July – consumers now realise that not every 4x4 is a gas guzzler.

The Ford uses a familiar system that allows it to run mostly in economical front-wheel drive and is one of the best styled small 4x4s.



**GREEN MACHINE:** Vauxhall's Corsa ecoFLEX is one of the best 'green' cars available on the market at the moment with good handling and some clever use of space for stowage

# Vauxhall's eco Corsa gets the green light it deserves

## ROAD TEST VAUXHALL CORSA

■ BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

70mpg though and 85mpg in official extra urban or 'poodling along at 50-ish' mode – this is the marque's most economical car ever.

The Corsa's distinctive slippery lines help, further aided by a rear spoiler, but ride height has been shaved by 20mm and the car lightened by 45 kilos. It even has the narrower low-rolling resistance tyres favoured by the new eco breed. This usually means tyre squealing on bends and 'interesting' handling but, in this case, they deliver plenty of grip and cornering and refinement levels are good for this class.

The cabin is well-arranged, big and practical, particularly in five-door format, as tested here, with a false floor to the boot that delivers a flat load bay with rear seat backs folded down, but also offers a suitcase-deep compartment between that floor and spare wheel stowage.

The rear seat back can be set in two positions, with the more upright maximising boot space at the expense of passenger comfort.

My only gripes are a drab cabin decor even on our mid-range Corsa Club model – gloomy enough to dampen any eco warrior's enthusiasm – and a high price against some rivals that can match the ecoFLEX's economy and emissions, without all its clever tricks.



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## USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

### CITYCARS

DEMAND for small cars is booming as the drive to cut costs, consumption and emissions gathers pace. No wonder that we all ask ourselves: "Just how much car do I really need?" For single users, couples and small families, the answer is something of a no-brainer when a small supermini – now popularly known as a city car or urban runabout – can return nearly 60mpg and falls into the lowest road tax bands. We have chosen three of the UK's cheapest cars to buy used, then tax, fuel and insure.

#### FIAT PANDA



FIAT'S Panda mini marvel donated the chassis and running gear for the Fiat 500 cult car, underlining corporate confidence in the oily bits and bearing out high marks in reliability surveys. Nor should we forget the Panda is a former European Car of the Year award winner; it offers five doors, acres of space, cut-price running costs and a decent drive and there are even diesel and 4x4 options – though both of those command a used market premium.

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

#### CHEVROLET MATIZ



INCH for inch, the Matiz was state-of-the-art in terms of five-door compact city car design when it arrived as a Daewoo in 1998. Early 800cc versions were gutless and rather noisy on the motorway though, so go for the 1.0-litre engine if possible. Otherwise, the Matiz is a frugal and well-equipped easily-parked car for local driving and surprisingly spacious and versatile, with a comfortable ride. Aesthetically, the original design is better than the 'puffed up' facelift version.

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

#### KIA PICANTO



KOREA'S Kia has become one of the fastest growing car brands in the UK by adding design and customer appeal to its reputation for value. The five-door Picanto highlights this rapid revolution, with its cheeky looks and generous spec; even entry level models come with steering wheel adjustment, remote central locking, ABS, front electric windows, split folding seats and a radio/CD player. Insurance is also cheap, all engines average well over 50mpg and used examples are plentiful.

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
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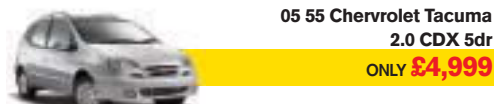
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**MONDEO**, 2.0 TDCi Titanium X 5dr - SPORTS APPEARANCE PACK, eo09gyb, 18 alloy wheels, bluetooth hands-free phone system, privacy glass, body coloured rear spoiler, ford direct vehicle, ford power start, heated driver and front passenger seats, front and rear park assist, auto headlights, auto wipers, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, anti theft system, cd multichanger, central locking, child locks, climate control, colour coding body, colour coding interior, computer, cruise control, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, front armrest, electrically adjustable seats, head restraints, folding rear seats, heated screen, heated seats, leather upholstery, locking wheel nuts, lumbar support, immobiliser, metallic paintwork, multi fu, black, 10092 miles, £17995, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

**MONDEO**, ZETEC 2.0 TDCi 130 ESTATE 6 SPD diesel, 2003, met red, 0 miles, £2995, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

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## CRICKET

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

**Kent Cricket League Division One**  
**Folkestone 1st XI v Lordswood 1st XI**

FOLKESTONE missed out on the chance to delay Lordswood's title celebrations as they finished with a losing draw on Saturday.

A decent bowling display kept Lordswood down to an achievable target, but a lack of runs saw the hosts with little choice but to hold on for a draw.

The game began badly for the runaway league leaders, who lost openers Alan Pattenden and Dale Hackney with only 20 runs on the board.

Normal service was resumed with a third wicket partnership worth 93. Lords skipper Greaves fell just short of a half-century, something Lyndon Lockhart achieved before he was caught by David Miles.

Solid, if unspectacular, scoring for the rest of the innings took Lordswood to 219 for 5 from their 50 overs. Folkestone shared the wickets around, with Ashok Kadam the only bowler to take more than one scalp.

Folkestone would have fancied their chances of chasing down 220 for a surprise victory, but like their opponents, both openers failed to make much of an impression. Both Miles and Nick Graham were dismissed by Matt Iles while still in single figures.

A rally led by Kadam followed, with the number three hitting eight boundaries in an excellent 73. Joshua Bryen hung around for a while but there was little else of substance further down the order. Folkestone dug in to avoid a defeat, which was the only slight sour note for Lordswood, who deservedly wrapped up the title.

## Undone by the Lords



**SECOND BEST:** Folkestone (fielding) were unable to stop Lordswood wrapping up the league title on Saturday

## SCOREBOARD

## Lordswood

	Runs
Alan Pattenden ct Ward b James	7
Dale Hackney lbw b Kadam	0
Lyndon Lockhart ct Miles b Bray	50
Jeremy Greaves st Graham b Currie	46
Peter Stock run out	27
Efren Cruz ct Graham b Kadam	19
Matt Iles not out	30
Matt Greenwood not out	22
John Williams did not bat	
Darren Scott did not bat	
Thomas Davis did not bat	
Extras (3lb 7w 8nb)	18
<b>Total</b> (5 wickets, 50 overs)	<b>219</b>

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Michael James	11	2	43	1
Ashok Kadam	15	0	73	2
Andy Bray	9	0	33	1
Ryan Currie	10	1	41	1
Joshua Bryen	5	0	26	0

## Folkestone

	Runs
David Miles b Iles	7
Nick Graham ct Stock b Iles	4
Ashok Kadam ct Iles b Scott	73
Joshua Bryen b Hackney	28
Daniel Clark ct Scott b Scott	0
Luke Sage b Iles	9
Laurence Ward lbw b Iles	10
Andy Bray ct Pattenden b Scott	0
Stuart Graham b Davis	25
Michael James not out	10
Ryan Currie not out	1
Extras (3b 10lb 6w 3nb)	22
<b>Total</b> (9 wickets, 50 overs)	<b>189</b>

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Matt Iles	15	2	37	4
Matt Greenwood	7	1	28	0
John Williams	5	1	21	0
Darren Scott	15	3	61	4
Lyndon Lockhart	2	0	6	0
Thomas Davis	4	0	19	1
Peter Stock	2	0	4	0

## LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

**KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE**  
**Hythe 1st XI v Whitstable 1st XI**

HYTHE snuck into the Division One promotion places after a 65-run win against Whitstable on Saturday.

Both sides went into the game knowing anything less than a victory would effectively end their hopes of claiming second place.

Ben Trott took two early wickets to give the visitors hope, but a unbroken sixth wicket partnership between Dan Furnival (76) and Jago Pearson (51) took Hythe to 222 for 5.

Skipper Stuart Sinclair hit 89 but Whitstable's reply was undone by Daniel Patching, who finished with 5 for 45.

Hythe	Runs
Jon Smith	33
Leon Morgan	4
Sam Butler	21
Oliver Morgan	4
Richard Perkins	28
Dan Furnival	76
Jago Pearson	51
Patrick Owen	0
Jamie Hemphrey	0
Daniel Patching	0
Ben Dwyer	0
Extras	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>222</b>

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Ben Trott	15	3	44	2
Jason Logan	3	0	22	0
James Loader	6	0	21	1
Max Campbell	9	2	37	0
Josh Gould	14	2	79	1
Duncan Hardy	3	0	17	0

Whitstable	Runs
Max Campbell	4
Peter Eames	12
Byron Gould	1
James Loader	19
Jake Guinan	0
Stuart Sinclair	89
Ben Trott	0
Andy Bennett	2
Duncan Hardy	1
Josh Gould	16
Jason Logan	0
Extras	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>157</b>

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Ben Dwyer	11	2	43	2
Daniel Patching	15	3	45	5
Patrick Owen	5	1	24	0
Jago Pearson	6	0	27	1
Jamie Hemphrey	5.1	1	12	2

**KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FIVE**  
**Betteshanger Colliery Welfare 1st XI v Blackheath 3rd XI**

BETTESHANGER Colliery leapfrogged Blackheath into the second promotion spot with a thumping five-wicket victory on Saturday.

Andrew McNicolas (4 for 22) and Jamie Towe (3 for 21) seized the game for the home side as Blackheath were reduced to 34 for 6. The visitors briefly fought back but were all out in the 40th over for just 84.

Betteshanger's reply was not without incident but a succession of modest scores were enough to overhaul the meagre target. With two games remaining they are second.

Blackheath	Runs
Steve Turner	0
Vijay Seevaratnam	0
Reimell Ragnauth	17
Hamish Purdey	5
Simon Martin	0
James Martin	29
Matt Orford	6
Terry Stark	19
Nahid Ahmed	6
Morgan Mahoney	0
Daniel Carter	0
Extras	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>84</b>

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Andrew McNicolas	15	6	22	4
Jamie Towe	10	3	21	3
Clive Towe	3	0	8	0
Liam Collins	3	1	12	0
Michael McNicholas	6	3	16	2
Darren Fletcher	2	1	4	1

Betteshanger Colliery Welfare	Runs
Clive Towe	0
Chris Garton	13
Derek Towe	12
Liam Collins	19
Gareth Friend	0
Jamie Towe	24
Michael McNicholas	7
Andrew McNicolas	0
Martin Jones	0
Joffy Towe	0
Darren Fletcher	10
Extras	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>85</b>

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Daniel Carter	9	4	14	0
Matt Orford	12	7	23	3
Morgan Mahoney	7	3	15	1
Steve Turner	3	1	13	0
Vijay Seevaratnam	1.4	0	10	1
Nahid Ahmed	1	0	4	0

**KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1A**  
**Sandwich Town 3rds v Deal Victoria & Barns Close 1st XI**

DEAL Victoria maintained their slender lead at the top of the table with a 96-run victory against Sandwich 3rds.

After losing Andrew Furness early on, Deal piled on the runs. Ben Smith (58), Charles Mailli (93) and Matthew Carley (40) all weighed in and Sam Killip's 40 not out lower down the order took them past 300.

With the exception of Tony Curwen and Clive Thurgate, Sandwich's batsmen contributed little and they never looked like posing a serious threat to the visitors' total.

Deal Victoria & Barns Close	Runs
Andrew Furness	5
Ben Smith	58
Charles Mailli	93
Matthew Carley	42
Mark Birkett	22
Robbie Brannan	1
Sam Killip	40
Andrew Miller	5
Stephen Moran	14
Scott McNamara	0
Graham McNamara	0
Extras	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>309</b>

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
John Wickham	12	0	78	1
Jerry Smith	5	0	36	0
Ben Thurgate	7	0	50	0
Clive Thurgate	11	1	63	3
Andy Chapman	11	1	62	3

Sandwich Town	Runs
Tony Curwen	89
Paul Goatham	8
Jamie Davies	0
Clive Thurgate	85
Christopher Henry	0
Liam Martin	6
Andy Chapman	0
Ben Thurgate	0
Mason Denning	0
Jerry Smith	0
John Wickham	0
Extras	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>213</b>

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Scott McNamara	0	0	0	0
Stephen Moran	11	1	40	2
Sam Killip	12	1	37	2
Graham McNamara	12	0	64	2
Charles Mailli	6	0	23	0
	5	0	37	0

**KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR**  
**Bexleyheath 1st XI v Walmer 1st XI**

WALMER'S relegation fears heightened as they came away from their trip with Bexleyheath with a losing draw.

Hamish Kumar single-handedly took the game away from Walmer with an outstanding innings of 137 which included ten sixes.

Chasing an intimidating 319 for victory, opener Jared Bond led the way with a defiant 76. Mark Parnell hit 67 to keep the score ticking along, but there were no other scores of real consequence and Walmer eventually dug in for a draw which left them 14 points adrift of safety.

Bexleyheath	Runs
Raj Patel	33
Russell Allen	4
Ravi Patel	25
Hamish Kumar	137
Archie Woodgate	59
Jack Woods	1
Pat Heath	20
David Meeking	14
Manraj Dhesi	0
Richard Howes	0
Phillip Bone	0
Extras	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>318</b>

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Paul Holiday	5	0	33	0
Barry Green	10	1	68	2
Mark Parnell	12	3	58	2
Peter Huntley	15	0	80	0
Graeme North	8	0	71	1

Walmer	Runs
Jared Bond	76
Joe Wilcox	11
Peter Morris	4
Graeme North	14
Mark Parnell	67
Paul Holiday	20
Barry Green	23
Peter Huntley	0
Phillip Giger	0
Eoin McGrath	0
Trevor Bond	0
Extras	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>237</b>

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
David Meeking	0	0	0	0
Jack Woods	14	0	62	4
Ravi Patel	6	0	40	1
Hamish Kumar	10	2	34	3
Phillip Bone	11	1	38	1
Archie Woodgate	6	0	29	0
	3	0	20	0



# Chappell keeps up Invicta's unbeaten run

Picture: IOR KUPCO



**WINNER:** Frankie Chappell scored against Fleet

FRANKIE Chappell maintained Folkestone Invicta's unbeaten start to the season with the only goal of the game against Fleet Town.

The centre-back's first half header proved the difference and the Seasiders hung on to take maximum points and move up to fourth before last night's game against Whitstable.

Kieron Byrne continued his superb form since his summer move from Invicta to Hythe, hitting a hat-trick in a 6-0 win against Fisher. The striker scored three in 12 minutes after half-time to make it six goals in three games. A brace from Dave Cook and one from Pat Kingwell had put Town 3-0 up at the break.

Scott Holden's second goal of the season

## FOOTBALL

### Fleet Town 0

### Folkestone Invicta 1

was in vain for Deal Town as they lost 3-1 at Erith & Belvedere. Trailing 2-0 at the break, Holden got Deal back in the game on 55 minutes, but Lee Benavente's 82nd minute strike proved decisive.

All three sides are at home in FA Cup action this weekend. Invicta will start as favourites against AFC Hayes, Hythe will attempt to pull off a surprise against Ryman South's Eastbourne Town, while Deal play Ringmer.

# Hess vents his anger despite Dover victory

## FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

### Dover Athletic 5

Rogers 16, Browning 20, Moore 34, Collin 45 pen, Welford 63

### Weston-super-Mare 3

Harris 11, Llewellyn 46, Mullings 53



ANY notion Dover Athletic are just pleased to be in the Blue Square South this season was banished by manager Andy Hessenthaler's reaction to Saturday's victory against Weston-super-Mare.

Despite watching five of his players get on the scoresheet to maintain an unbeaten start to the season which took them top of the table, Hessenthaler was unimpressed.

"I wasn't pleased with the game," he told Yourdover. "We weren't good enough. I know we won the game but we were fortunate and got out of jail a bit. I know people will think I'm being a bit harsh but it was probably the worst performance I've seen since I've been at the club.

"We gave sloppy goals away and we just didn't play well. Fortunately we played against a team with a couple of injuries but we gifted them three goals. We didn't work hard enough,



Picture: SIMON HARRIS

**MIXED:** Lee Browning (in white) was one of five different scorers as Dover Athletic went top of the table

there was no tempo and were lucky we didn't play against a particularly good side."

Dover were without Adam Birchall for the game after the striker failed to recover from an ankle injury picked up in midweek.

Weston controlled the opening passages of play and after twice coming close took the lead on 11 minutes when Lee Hook's punch went straight to Adie Harris.

Falling behind prompted a reaction from the Whites. They drew level within five minutes thanks to a curling free-kick from James Rogers which found the top corner.

### Dover starting XI



Subs used: Walder (Keister 60), Hughes (Browning 60), Core (Davis 69)

Before 20 minutes of the game had passed Dover were in front. Nicky Southall's corner was only cleared as far as Tom Davis, whose centre led to a goalmouth scramble which was finally ended by Lee Browning.

Dover were suddenly rampant. Sammy Moore converted Frannie Collin's cross to make it 3-1 before Southall won a penalty just before the break. Collin, making his first start of the season, finished from 12 yards.

The Whites switched off a minute into the second half, allowing Josh Llewellyn to beat Hook and narrow the deficit. Hessenthaler's blood pressure climbed further seven minutes later when Darren Mullings scored from close range.

Shaun Welford's strike just after the hour mark settled any nerves and despite creating several chances late on, Dover were unable to add to their tally.

Hessenthaler will be hoping for an improved performance when his side visit Eastleigh this Saturday.

## CATCH OF THE DAY

# Lighter winds sees return of the mack

By TONY HILLS, a keen beach and boat angler with 50 years' experience fishing Dungeness and District and vice-chairman of the Dungeness Angling Association



FOR the first half of this week the forecast is for lighter winds. This could clear the water and with cutting tides this could produce a return of mackerel around the point. **Pirate Springs and Littlestone:** With a small, rising tide to high water in the afternoon it could produce school bass.

**BACK OF THE BOATS:** With these shrinking tides, fish through low water. We hope for some mackerel through dusk and the odd sole after dark.

**DUNGNESS:** Fishing through low water with the cutting tides will give anglers the best opportunities. Mackerel could make a re-appearance behind the power stations.

**DENGEMARSH & GALLOWAYS:** At low water as the tide floods, school bass should be about to take a lugworm. On the rise and over high water, sole is the main target.

**JURYS GAP:** Late summer eels and school bass should be available, plus the hope of a few mackerel over high water.

**BOAT FISHING:** Drifting the wrecks is an option for a few pollack depending on the water clarity.

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- Award/Certificate/Diploma in Child Care and Education CACHE (Folkestone)
- Children's Care, Learning and Development NVQ 2 (Folkestone)

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## Construction: Bricklaying, Woodwork, Plumbing, Electrical Installation, Painting and Decorating, Plastering

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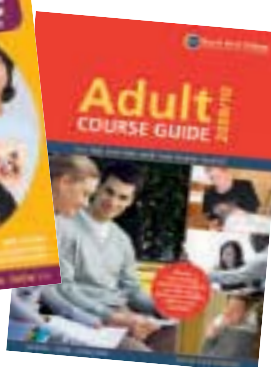
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